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ANNUAL REPORT
of the
TOWN OFFICERS
of the Town of
DIGHTON



Year Ending December 31, 1958

GENERAL INFORMATION

OPEN MEETING LAW—CHAP. 626, ACTS, 1958

Meetings of every district, city and town board, commission and school committee shall be open to public and to press (unless in executive session). A notice of such meetings must be filed at least twenty-four hours prior with the clerk of the district or town. (A regular schedule of meetings filed in advance is permissible.) Accurate records of all meetings shall be maintained setting forth action taken. A summary of all matters voted shall be made available with reasonable promptness after each meeting. The records shall become a public record and available to the public upon being approved. (For information on executive sessions and emergencies check law with Town Clerk.)

The town offices are open Monday through Friday from 8:30 A. M. to 4:00 P. M., and the office of the Town Clerk, Treasurer, and Collector is also open Wednesday evenings from 6:30 P. M. to 8:00 P. M.

The Board of Selectmen, Welfare, and Health, and the Assessors meet in their offices Wednesday evenings at 7:30 P. M.

The School Committee meets the third Wednesday of each month at 7:30 P. M. in the School Committee room.

Telephone Numbers:

Fire Department: To report a fire—

So. Dighton StationNOrmandy 9-3131

No. Dighton StationVAndyke 3-3700

Personal calls—

So. Dighton StationNOrmandy 9-3291

No. Dighton StationVAndyke 2-0329

Police Department: VAndyke 4-4411

Selectmen's Office: NOrmandy 9-2731

Welfare Department: NOrmandy 9-2731

Town Clerk, Treasurer, Collector and Assessors:

NOrmandy 9-4241

Public Library: NOrmandy 9-2511

Town Nurse: NOrmandy 9-2141

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ELECTED TOWN OFFICIALS

	Address	Telephone	Term Expires
Selectmen			
Clayton H. Atwood, Chairman	Segreganset	NO 9-4271	1961
Earle M. Smith	No. Dighton	VA 2-4922	1959
William F. Benevides	Dighton	NO 9-3021	1960
Town Clerk			
Percy B. Simmons	No. Dighton	VA 4-6465	1959
Town Collector			
Percy B. Simmons	No. Dighton	VA 4-6465	1959
Treasurer			
Percy B. Simmons	No. Dighton	VA 4-6465	1959
Auditor			
Stafford H. Hambly	No. Dighton	VA 2-1503	1959
Moderator			
Stafford H. Hambly	No. Dighton	VA 2-1503	1959
Assessors			
Harold M. Mendoza, Chairman	Dighton	NO 9-3451	1961
Raymond A. Horton	No. Dighton	NO 9-2158	1959
Howell S. Carr	Dighton	NO 9-5943	1960
Tree Warden			
Henry P. Goff	No. Dighton	VA 2-3583	1959
School Committee			
Francis Torres, Chairman	No. Dighton	VA 4-7628	1959
Albert DeSilva, Fin. Sec.	No. Dighton	VA 4-9822	1959
Harry Hagopian, Sec.	No. Dighton	VA 2-4142	1960
Lawrence Mendoza	Dighton	NO 9-2455	1960
Frank Rogers	No. Dighton	VA 4-5179	1961
Wyman E. Hawkes	Segreganset	NO 9-3631	1961
Antone Compos	Dighton	NO 9-5525	1959

Planning Board

Ernest H. Atwood, Chairman	Segreganset	NO 9-4971	1959
June Hambly, Sec.	No. Dighton	VA 2-1503	1963
Richard E. Babbitt	No. Dighton	NO 9-5673	1962
Edwin Wyeth	Segreganset	NO 9-5687	1959
Anthony B. McCormack	Dighton	NO 9-5910	1959

Trustees of Public Library

Lois L. Staples	Segreganset	NO 9-2561	1961
Joseph C. Hathaway	Dighton	NO 9-5955	1959

Playground Commissioners

Richard F. Simmons, Chairman	No. Dighton	VA 2-6971	1959
Edward Antunes, Sec.	Dighton	NO 9-4031	1960
Norman L. Courcy	No. Dighton	VA 4-5626	1961

Finance Committee (Appointed annually by the Moderator);
Louis Constantine, Chairman; Milton F. Horton; John Cambra; Gordon E. Spinney; William L. Donle; Roger B. Perry, and Clarence J. Eliason.

SELECTMEN'S APPOINTMENTS—1958-1959

Industrial Special Police Officers:

Arnold Hoffman & Co.: Milton Chace, Ernest Correia,
Burton Simmons, Manuel White, Sr.

Dighton Industries: Harry McConville, Leon Talbot, Herbert L. Hayes, George Nickerson.

Kollsman Instrument Corp.: William Raposa.

No. Dighton Coop. Bank: Stafford H. Hambly.

B. C. Agricultural School: Spencer D. Oehrle.

Raytheon Mfg. Co.: John Boronzy, Charles A. Carlstrom, Jr., Cassius A. Cummings, Edward E. Grace, Harold

F. King, Donald D. Lester, John R. Palmer, Paul P. Pappas, Ernest W. Pelletier, Joseph L. Pulsone, William L. Summers, Frederick A. Twomey, Walter Whitmore, Jr., Charles J. Yasick, James F. Carr, Bradford C. Mitton.

Special Police Officers:

Ervin E. Barney, Charles A. Briggs, Charles Brooks, Francis Buckley, Frank Cambra, John Cambra, Edward Carpentier, Louis H. Carr, Joseph A. Coelho, Arthur E. Compos, Norman Courcy, Anthony Costa, Raymond Costa, Cassius Cummings, William Duarte, Antone P. Dupont, Manuel Francis, George L. Goulart, Charles Gracia, Frank Gracia, George Gracia, Louis R. Gracia, Walter Hamilton, Jr., Byron E. Haskins, Ernest L. Horton, Raymond A. Horton, John R. Ingham, Warren G. Jones, John A. Medeiros, Joseph Medeiros, George A. Perry, Joseph Perry, Samuel Pine, John E. Rasmussen, Earl W. Rose, George M. Rubadou, Benjamin C. Sherman, Harold L. Sherrington, Frank C. Souza, Jr., Karl Spratt, Jr., John R. Stanley, Anthony N. Sylvia, Edward Torres, Frank Viridinlia, Louis P. White, Isaac S. Wilson, Levite Carrier, Edward A. Keefe.

Chief of Police Department: Charles H. Mason.

Lieutenant Police Department: Anthony Andrews.

Sergeant Police Department: Walter Plonka.

Reserve Police Officers: Anthony Andrews, William F. Ashcroft, Tobias Freitas, Walter Plonka, Harry F. Willis.

Chief of Fire Department: Harry F. Willis.

Forest Fire Warden: Harry F. Willis.

Deputy Chief, No. Station: John Stanley.

Deputy Chief, So. Station: Joseph White.

Firemen, North Fire Station: William F. Ashcroft, Conrad Bleau, Joseph A. Coelho, Norman L. Courcy, Cassius W. Cummings, Edward M. Ferreira, Gilbert M. Ferreira, Wil-

liam E. Fleming, Jr., Charles M. Gilbert, Charles M. Gilbert, Jr., Harry Hagopian, Stafford H. Hambly, Raymond F. Heinig, Samuel Hurwitz, Antone R. Katon, John Katon, Lester T. McNulty, William M. O'Connell, Robert Warren Perry, Roger B. Perry, Frank Rogers, Jr., Frank Rogers, Sr., Francis H. Rose, Benjamin C. Sherman, Jr., Thomas C. Sherman, Carlton A. Simmons, George E. Simmons, Percy B. Simmons, Richard F. Simmons, Gordon E. Spinney, Vincent F. Scully, Joseph E. Waller.

Firemen, South Fire Station: Edward D. Antunes, Alan B. Brightman, George Carvalho, Jr., Frank Cash, Raymond Costa, Michael Cusick, Joseph Ferreira, Joseph Fleck, J. Gerald Fleming, William E. Fleming, Sr., Louis Gracia, Edward Hamilton, Walter Hamilton, William Harrison, David Horton, C. Douglas Horton, Maynard F. Horton, Jr., Maynard F. Horton, Sr., Richard Parchesco, Manuel Pavao, David Pilling, Walter Plonka, Albert Reed, Clinton Rose, Charles E. Sears, Jr., Alvin Silvia, Karl Spratt, Jr., Karl Spratt, Sr., Arnold Staples, Ellis Strange, Jr., Isaac Wilson, Roy O. Brown, Arthur Compos, Kenneth Conroy.

Public Weighers:

Arnold Hoffman & Co.: Dalton T. Maynard, Wendell Carey, Arthur O. Gove.

Dighton Industries: John G. Silvia, Antone Correia, James F. Mitchell, Francis B. Miguel.

Sealer of Weight and Measures: Donald B. Hathaway.

Measurer of Wood: Raymond Horton.

Fence Viewers: Harold Mendoza, Raymond Horton, Howell Carr.

Field Driver and Pound Keeper: Raymond Horton.

Civil Defense Director: Stafford H. Hambly, Fred Rebello.

Agent of Board of Health: Charles H. Mason, Percy B. Simmons, Henry G. Crapo.

Burial Agent: Earl C. Hathaway.

Inspector of Milk: Henry G. Crapo.

Sanitation Inspector: Henry G. Crapo.

Inspector of Animals and Slaughtering: Lester M. Briggs and Anthony Sylvia.

Dog Officer: Charles H. Mason.

Town Nurse and Policewoman: Esther Bowden.

Registrar of Voters: Elliot Hathaway.

Auctioneer: John W. Synan.

Constables: Percy B. Simmons, Charles H. Mason, Raymond Horton.

Constable for Somerset Water Works: Henry Reckord.

Social Worker: Bella M. Boucher.

Town Office Clerks: Isabel G. Burgmann, Elizabeth A. Rose.

Veterans' Agent: Theodore E. Boucher.

Harbor Master: Arnold B. Shaw.

Assistant Harbor Master: Martin Bergstrom.

Superintendent of Streets: Henry P. Goff.

Gypsy Moth Superintendent: George W. Rose.

Town Forest Committee: Raymond Horton, Gordon Hixon, Henry L. Burt, Harold O. Woodward, Wilfred A. Hathaway, William Andrews, David A. Millard, Henry P. Goff.

REPORT OF AN AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS
OF THE TOWN OF DIGHTON
OCTOBER 2, 1956 TO MARCH 12, 1958

Mr. Herman B. Dine
Director of Accounts
Department of Corporations and Taxation
State House, Boston

Sir:

As directed by you, I have made an audit of the books and accounts of the town of Dighton for the period from October 2, 1956, the date of the previous examination, to March 12, 1958, the following report being submitted thereon:

The records of financial transactions of the several departments receiving or disbursing money for the town or committing bills for collection were examined and checked with the town auditor's and the town treasurer's records.

The books and accounts in the town auditor's office were examined and checked in detail. The ledger accounts were analyzed and proved for the period of the audit. The recorded receipts were compared with the treasurer's books, while the payments were checked with the treasury warrants. The appropriations and transfers, as entered, were checked with the town clerk's record of town meeting votes and with the finance committee's record of transfers authorized from the reserve fund, and a balance sheet showing the financial condition of the town on March 12, 1958 was prepared and is appended to this report.

The books and accounts of the town treasurer were examined and checked in detail. The recorded receipts were analyzed and checked with the auditor's books, with the records of the several departments collecting money for the town, and with other sources from which money was paid into the town treasury, while the payments were compared with

the auditor's books and with the selectmen's warrants authorizing the disbursement of town funds. The treasurer's cash balance on March 12, 1958 was proved by actual count of the cash in the office and by reconciliation of the bank balances with statements received from the banks in which town funds are deposited.

The recorded payments on account of maturing debt and interest were verified by comparison with the amounts falling due and with the cancelled securities and coupons on file. The outstanding coupons were listed and reconciled with the balance in the coupon account as shown by a statement furnished by the depository.

The records of employees' payroll deductions for Federal taxes and for the county retirement system were examined and reconciled with the controlling ledger accounts.

The savings bank books representing the investment of the trust funds in the custody of the town treasurer were examined and listed. The income was proved, and all transactions were verified and compared with the treasurer's and the auditor's books.

The records of tax titles and tax possessions held by the town were examined and checked in detail. The amounts added to the tax title account were compared with the collector's records, the reported redemptions of tax titles were checked with the town treasurer's cash book, the foreclosures and abatements were verified, and the tax titles and tax possessions on hand were listed and reconciled with the auditor's ledger.

The books and accounts of the tax collector were examined and checked. The town and district taxes, excise, and water liens outstanding according to the previous examination, together with all subsequent commitment lists, were audited and proved. The collections were compared with the cash book entries and with the payments to the town and district treasurers as shown by the treasurer's cash books, the abatements as entered on the commitment books were checked with

the assessors' records of abatements granted, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the respective ledger accounts.

The records of departmental accounts receivable were examined and checked. The reported payments to the treasurer were compared with the treasurer's cash book, and the outstanding accounts were listed and reconciled with the controlling accounts in the town auditor's ledger.

The outstanding tax, excise, and departmental accounts were verified by mailing notices to a number of persons whose names appeared on the books as owing money to the town and the districts, the replies received thereto indicating that the accounts, as listed, are correct.

The records of departmental cash collections by the selectmen, the town clerk, and the sealer of weights and measures, as well as by the police, health, and school departments, and by all other departments in which money was collected for the town, were examined and checked. The payments to the treasurer and to the State were verified, and the cash on hand in the several departments was proved by actual count.

The surety bonds filed by the several town officials for the faithful performance of their duties were examined and found to be in proper form.

In addition to the balance sheet, there are appended to this report tables showing a reconciliation of the treasurer's cash, summaries of the tax, excise, tax title, tax possession, and departmental accounts, together with schedules showing the condition and transactions of the trust funds.

While engaged in making the audit cooperation was received from all town officials, for which, on behalf of my assistants and for myself, I wish to express appreciation.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM SCHWARTZ,

Assistant Director of Accounts

REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

The Town Moderator appointed Mr. Roger B. Perry as a successor to Mr. Herbert Holt.

The Town Finance Committee was organized by the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen in June, 1958 for the year 1958-1959.

To date since being organized, the Finance Committee has met three times at the request of the Chairman of the Board of Selectmen regarding town finances.

The Finance Committee wishes to remind the townspeople of the Open Meeting Law—Chap. 626, Acts of 1958 which states: Meeting of every district, city and town board, commission and school committee shall be open to public and to press (unless in executive session.)

All financial transactions contained in the Town Auditor's report had prior approval of the Finance Committee.

Respectfully submitted,

LOUIS CONSTANTINE, JR., Chairman

MILTON HORTON, Secretary

GORDON E. SPINNEY

JOHN CAMBRA

WILLIAM L. DONLE

CLARENCE J. ELIASON

ROGER B. PERRY

SELECTMEN'S REPORT

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of Dighton:

The organizational meeting of the Board was held after the Annual Town Meeting. For the third consecutive year the Chairmanships were divided with Mr. Atwood chosen as Chairman of the Selectmen, Mr. Benevides for the Board of Public Welfare, Mr. Smith for the Board of Health, and Mr. Benevides was chosen to serve as recording Clerk of the three Boards.

Fifty weekly and twelve special meetings were held with three vacation absences and one extended leave of absence for reasons of sickness. The Board met jointly on three occasions with the several School Committees and Regional School Committee prior to the Town accepting the Regional School plan. One meeting with all Town Boards, Committees and appointed Town Officers was held to discuss and formulate plans of mutual interest.

Necessary hearings were held upon applications received for the various licenses requiring same. Board members have attended all Bristol County Association meetings. Mr. Smith attended the Massachusetts Selectmen's Association Annual Meeting representing the County Association as its president. Chairman Atwood was delegated to represent the Town's interest at hearings on the several Chapter 90 and Public Works projects.

All appointments of Town Officers and Committees have been recorded with the Town Clerk together with the juror's list and are contained in the Clerk's annual report. Annual reports of the numerous Town Officers and departments as required by law are contained in this 1958 Town Officer's Report.

All orders and votes of the Town meeting have been fulfilled by the various departments.

The ambulance committee purchased and commissioned a used Cadillac Deluxe ambulance under authority of the town meeting. New regulations as resolved by the committee have been established and enforced by the Board. The Board acknowledges with appreciation in behalf of the citizens, the cooperation of the members of the Fire Department and personnel of the Arnold Hoffman Co. in making this valuable service available.

The Board accepted from the Estate of Ethel M. Nicol, a deed for a parcel of land surrounding the Council Oak. This fulfills the vote of the Town Meeting of 1956.

The road improvement program has continued in satisfactory order. Smith Street from Wellington St. to Horton St. required nearly all of the Gravel Road funds in order to widen and gravel, preparatory to oil surfacing.

The Board recommends to the Town that annual appropriations for Gravel Road improvements be continued.

The Board further recommends that the Town appropriate funds to construct suitable housing for Street Department equipment. This should be programmed to provide for development of maintenance facilities for all Town owned equipment.

Whereas the Town has accepted the provisions of an agreement for a Regional High and Vocational School, the needs and requirements of Town Office expansion will be fulfilled by acquiring additional space in the present High School. An appropriation made for Town Office repairs will require supplementary funds to remodel the area to be expanded.

In August, the Raytheon Mfg. Co., producers of electronic equipment and controls for government agencies, announced that a division of the company would locate at North Digh-

ton in the easterly portion of the Dighton Industries buildings and facilities. The Selectmen and other Town Officers had met on several occasions with the owners of Dighton Industries, consultants of the company, officials of Commonwealth of Massachusetts and others concerned relative to the many factors involved.

The Selectmen in behalf of the Town and its Officials extended greetings and expressions of welcome to Raytheon Officials. The presence of a prosperous production concern is of immeasurable value to any community. The effects of employment are beneficial to the area and offer many advantages to the Town.

However, as is natural in similar circumstances, there are other effects not immediately observed, such as housing, building, school enrollments and additional requirements for public services. Assuming that Dighton's growth may be normal and orderly, we feel that the time is at hand when Officials should be authorized by the Town Meeting to study, survey and report their findings relative to the need of further controls of building and expansion within the Town. We, therefore, propose that a committee be established to conduct this survey and report.

The Town was grieved and saddened during the year by the death of former Town Officers:

February 2, 1958, Carl P. Gorden, Jr., Town Finance Committee 1955.

February 6, 1958, Margaret M. Poole, School Committee 1943 - 1946.

March 26, 1958, Manuel V. Motta, Planning Board 1956 - 1958.

March 31, 1958, Lester M. Briggs, Highway Surveyor 1917 - 1919, 1921 - 1922, Inspector of Animals 1945 - 1958, Planning Board 1956 - 1958.

May 8, 1958, Eugene White, School Committee 1949 - 1951.

May 20, 1958, Austin C. Barney, Director of Ground Observer Corps, 1956 - 1958.

August 5, 1958, George B. Glidden, Selectmen 1914 - 1940.

December 7, 1958, Edward D. Greenlaw, Trustee Public Library 1930 - 1958.

The Selectmen, in behalf of the Town and its citizens, extend to the families of the deceased their sincere sympathy.

We wish to express our appreciation to all boards, committees, town officers, employees and citizens who by their cooperation have made possible the various services to the community. In behalf of the citizens, we extend to the management of the Dighton Industries, Mr. Edgar Fain; Arnold Hoffman Co., Mr. Charles Miller; and the Taunton Greyhound Association, Mr. Joseph Lindsey; our gratitude for the many services and benefits rendered.

Respectfully submitted,

CLAYTON H. ATWOOD, Chairman,
EARLE M. SMITH,
WILLIAM F. BENEVIDES,
Board of Selectmen.

TOWN CLERK'S REPORT**1958**

The special town meeting was held in the Town hall on January 8, 1958. It was called to order by the moderator, Stafford H. Hambly, at 7:30 P. M.

VOTED: To dispense with the reading of the warrant.

VOTED: That the Town authorize the transfer of unappropriated available funds in the Treasury in the sum of \$25,500.00 to Highway Revenue, in anticipation of reimbursement from the State and County of funds for Chapter 90 Construction for the Spring Street Bridge and Approaches for the financial year ending December 31, 1957.

VOTED: That the Town authorize the transfer of unappropriated available funds in the Treasury in the sum of \$34,000.00 to Highway Revenue in anticipation of reimbursement from the State Flood Relief Board of funds allocated for that portion of replacement of the Spring Street Bridge for the financial year ending December 31, 1957.

VOTED: That the Town, in accordance with the recommendation of the Town Finance Committee, transfer the following departmental accounts:

\$268.27 from the Board of Health to Fire Department
\$167.48 from Gravel Roads to Street Department
\$195.69 from Gravel Roads to Road Machinery
\$519.16 from D. A. to Veterans' Benefits
\$418.35 from D. A. to Public Welfare
\$2,033.97 from A. D. C. to Public Welfare

VOTED: That the Town vote to transfer to Surplus Revenue the following unexpended appropriation balances:

Fence & Boundary Markers	\$72.11
Police Cruiser Account	24.53
Civil Defense Radio Account	57.65
Civil Defense Ground Observer Tower	10.14
High School Boiler	155.82

Meeting adjourned at 7:40 P. M.

The regular Annual Town Meeting for the election of officers for the Town of Dighton was held on March 3, 1958. The meeting was called to order at 12 Noon by Stafford H. Hambly, Moderator. The balloting was under the supervision of the following election officers: Elaine Varley, Anna Simmons, Catherine Sherman, Hazel Reed, Lillian Deslauriers, Elaine O'Connell, Mary Allie, Florence I. Perry, Mary M. Perry and Percy B. Simmons, Town Clerk.

The polls were closed at 8:00 P.M.; the total number of votes cast was 403. The ballots having been assorted and counted, the result was declared as follows:

Selectmen for Three Years—Clayton H. Atwood

Board of Public Welfare for Three Years—Clayton H. Atwood

Moderator for One Year—Stafford H. Hambly

Auditor for One Year—Stafford H. Hambly

Town Treasurer for One Year—Percy B. Simmons

Assessor for Three Years—Harold M. Mendoza

Tree Warden for One Year—Henry P. Goff

School Committee for Three Years—Frank Rogers, Wyman Hawkes

Trustee of Public Library—Lois L. Staples

Planning Board for Five Years—June G. Hambly

Playground Commissioner for Three Years—Edward D. Antunes

The Town Meeting was called to order at Town Hall, March 10, 1958 at 7:30 P.M. by Stafford H. Hambly. The invocation was pronounced by Rev. Richardson Reid.

VOTED: To dispense with the reading of the warrant.

VOTED UNANIMOUSLY: To dispense with the reading of the articles and to refer to them by number and subject matter.

VOTED: To consider adjournment at 10:30.

VOTED: When meeting does adjourn that it be to 7:30 on May 5, 1958.

Mr. Hambly welcomed the guests who were students from St. Mary's High School, Waltham, Mass.

(2) VOTED: On motion of Gordon Spinney that the reports of the Town Officers as printed and published in the 1957 Annual Town Report be accepted.

(3) VOTED: On motion of Milton Horton that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to appoint all necessary Town Officers and Committees not otherwise provided for by statute.

(4) VOTED: On motion of Gordon Spinney that the Town Treasurer be bonded in the amount of \$35,300 and the Town Collector be bonded in the amount of \$46,600 to satisfy the provisions of Section 13 of Chapter 60 of the General Laws.

(5) VOTED: On motion of Milton Horton that we take up Article 5 after Article 6.

(6) VOTED: That the Town raise and appropriate the following sums necessary to defray Town charges and assessments as approved by the Finance Committee:

Account	Amount	Maker of Motion
New Elementary School		
Bonds	\$25,000.00	Wyman Hawkes
Interest on Elementary		
School Bonds	7,040.00	Wyman Hawkes
School Department	268,600.00	Albert DeSilva
High School Athletic Fund	2,000.00	Harry Hagopian
County Retirement Fund	4,491.06	Gordon Spinney
Care of Town Elms	3,500.00	Clayton Atwood
Insect Pest Control	500.00	Clayton Atwood
Brush Control	1,000.00	Clayton Atwood
Sidewalk Maintenance	500.00	Clayton Atwood
Street Department	7,500.00	Clayton Atwood
Chapter #81—		
Highway Fund	7,350.00	Clayton Atwood

Chapter #90—Maintenance	1,700.00	Clayton Atwood
Dighton-Berkley Bridge	1,000.00	Clayton Atwood
Fire Department	9,542.78	William Benevides
Police Department	6,810.00	Earle Smith
Public Library	1,936.00	Lois Staples
Civic Center Maintenance	275.00	Earle Smith
Veterans' Memorial Hall	1,000.00	Clayton Atwood
Memorial Day Observance	175.00	Clayton Atwood
Playgrounds & Recreation	1,210.00	Edward Antunes
Board of Health	4,100.00	Earle Smith
Town Ambulance Maintenance	345.00	Earle Smith
Care of Town Dumps	2,000.00	Earle Smith
Hydrant Rentals	1,740.00	Earle Smith
General Relief		
Administration	2,700.00	William Benevides
Aid to Dependent Children	3,800.00	William Benevides
Disability Assistance	2,700.00	William Benevides
General Relief (Welfare)	7,000.00	William Benevides
Old Age Assistance	28,500.00	William Benevides
Veterans' Benefits	4,500.00	William Benevides
Assessors' Department	3,000.00	Harold Mendoza
Auditor's Department	750.00	Milton Horton
Dog Officer's Account	200.00	Clayton Atwood
Election, Registration & Census	1,820.00	Milton Horton
Planning Board	300.00	Clayton Atwood
Public Property Account	350.00	Clayton Atwood
Selectmen's Department	2,700.00	Clayton Atwood
Town Office Account	6,708.00	Milton Horton
Town Clerk	925.00	Milton Horton
Town Collector	2,190.00	Milton Horton
Town Treasurer	1,710.00	Milton Horton
Finance Committee	50.00	Gordon Spinney
Tax Title Foreclosure Account	400.00	Milton Horton
Tax Possession Account	300.00	Milton Horton
Town Insurance	8,180.95	Milton Horton
Town Shade Tree Account	500.00	Clayton Atwood
1957 Bills	132.71	Clayton Atwood

(5) VOTED: On motion of Milton Horton that the salaries of the elected Town Officers as appropriated within the Departmental Accounts, be established for the year January 1 to December 31, 1958 as follows:

Board of Assessors:

Chairman	\$ 700.00
Clerk	500.00
Others	600.00 each

Town Auditor	600.00
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Board of Health:

Chairman	200.00
Others	100.00 each

Board of Public Welfare:

Chairman	350.00
Others	250.00 each

Board of Selectmen:

Chairman	1,000.00
Others	500.00 each

Moderator	20.00
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School Committee Secretary	25.00
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Town Clerk	700.00
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Town Collector	1,600.00
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Town Treasurer	1,200.00
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Tree Warden	35.00
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(7) VOTED: On motion of Gordon Spinney that the Town appropriate and transfer the sum of \$5,000 from the Reserve Fund (Overlay Surplus) to Reserve Account Appropriated, in accordance with Chapter 40, Section 6, General Laws.

8) VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the Town appropriate and transfer \$3,000 from the Machinery Fund to the Machinery Account for purposes of operating and purchasing miscellaneous highway equipment.

(9) VOTED: On motion of Albert DeSilva that the Town

appropriate the Dog Tax Refund in the amount of \$602.35 for use of the High School Library Account.

(10) VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the Town authorize the transfer of unappropriated available funds in the Treasury in the sum of \$50,675.00 to Highway Revenue in anticipation of reimbursement from the State and County for Chapter 81 and Chapter 90 Highway Maintenance and Construction.

(11) VOTED: On motion of Gordon Spinney that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to borrow money from time to time in anticipation of the revenue of the financial year beginning January 1, 1958, and to issue a note or notes therefor, payable within one year, and to renew any note or notes as may be given for a period of less than one year in accordance with Section 17, Chapter 44, General Laws.

(12) VOTED: On motion of Gordon Spinney that the Town authorize the Town Treasurer, with the approval of the Selectmen, to sell at public auction or private sale, all properties which the Town has legally acquired by Tax Title.

(13) VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the Town make changes in grade, take land by purchase or eminent domain, and to settle damages for land taken in conjunction with the 1958 Highway Program under Chapter 81 and Chapter 90.

(14) VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the Town accept a proposed layout of Elm Street as shown on a plan on file with the Town Clerk and to authorize and accept a proposed taking by eminent domain or purchase, as provided by the General Laws of Massachusetts, by the Selectmen of the Town of Dighton, for the purpose of constructing, altering, locating or repairing a highway in said Dighton, known as Elm Street, as shown on a plan of the proposed layout of Elm Street, entitled "A Plan Showing a Portion of Elm Street at the Segreganset River in the Town of Dighton, Bristol County, Scale 40 feet to the inch—Massachusetts Department of Public

Works, February, 1958," said plan being on file with the Town Clerk, certain parcels of land in fee with all rights, easements, privileges and appurtenances thereto, including all fixtures, buildings, structures affixed thereto, and all trees, including shade trees, fruit trees, shrubs and stone walls.

(15) VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the Town accept a proposed layout of Elm Street as shown on a plan on file with the Town Clerk and to authorize and accept a proposed taking by eminent domain or purchase, as provided by the General Laws of Massachusetts, by the Selectmen of the Town of Dighton, for the purpose of constructing, altering, locating or repairing a highway in said Dighton, known as Elm Street, as shown on a plan of the proposed layout of Elm Street, entitled "A Plan Showing a Portion of Elm Street at the Richmond Hill Brook in the Town of Dighton, Bristol County, Scale 40 feet to the inch—Massachusetts Department of Public Works, February, 1958," said plan being on file with the Town Clerk, certain parcels of land in fee with all rights, easements, privileges and appurtenances thereto, including all fixtures, buildings, structures affixed thereto, and all trees, including shade trees, fruit trees, shrubs, and stone walls.

(16) VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the sum of \$3,750 be appropriated to meet the Town's share of the cost of Chapter 90 Highway Construction, and to meet said appropriation the sum of \$3,750 be transferred from the proceeds received from the State under the provisions of Chapter 718 of the Acts of 1956.

(17) VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the Town appropriate and transfer from the Surplus Revenue Account, the sum of \$17,500.00 for the purpose of gravelling and improving Town roads.

(18) VOTED: On motion of William Benevides that the Town raise and appropriate \$750.00 for the purpose of defraying costs of making necessary repairs to the Town Offices.

(19) VOTED: On motion of Earle Smith that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$250.00 for the purpose of main-

taining during the ensuing year, the mosquito control works as estimated and certified to by the State Reclamation Board in accordance with the provisions of Chapter 112, Acts of 1931.

(20) VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,900.00 for the purpose of completing repairs to the abutments of the Dighton and Berkley Bridge as provided under a Chapter 90 Maintenance project.

(21) VOTED: On motion of Harold Mendoza that the Town raise and appropriate \$6,000.00 for the purpose of completing phase #2 of the Tax Mapping Project as established by vote of the Town on May 6, 1957.

(22) VOTED: On motion of Richard Simmons that the Town raise and appropriate \$1,000.00 for the purpose of defraying expenses for the improvement of recreational and playground facilities.

(23) A report of the Town Office Committee was given by Clayton Atwood as follows:

“The Town Office Committee last reported under Article 24 at the 1957 Annual Town Meeting. Within the year the Chairman, acting in behalf of the Committee, submitted a request to the Regional School Planning Committee whereby the needs of additional Town Office space be included in the plans of that Committee, in relation to adoption of the High School Building as a Junior High School.

“However, in accordance with a previous report, any physical change will await the decision of the Town relative to School Building Needs.

Respectfully submitted,
Clayton H. Atwood
Percy B. Simmons
William F. Benevides
Stafford H. Hambly
Earle M. Smith
Harold M. Mendoza
Robert T. Roy”

VOTED: On motion of William Benevides that the report of the Town Office Committee be accepted as a progress report and the committee be instructed to continue to function as outlined.

(24) A report of the School Building Needs Committee was given by Stuart Arnold.

“Three meetings were held during the year with the Selectmen, School Committee, and Regional Planning Committee. These meetings were held to hear the reports of the Regional Committee meetings, to offer suggestions, and to hear proposals of surrounding towns. The Committee is unanimously in favor of a four year regional high school if the Regional Committee were to bring in such a report.”

VOTED: On motion of William Benevides that the Town accept the report of the Dighton School Building Needs Committee as a report of progress.

(25) The report of the Regional School Planning Committee was given by Stuart Arnold as follows:

“At the Town Meeting of March, 1957, it was reported that we were studying regional plans with Berkley. This study came to an end when the Berkley Committee expressed a desire to wait and see what happened in the Freetown-Lakeville Regional.

“In May we met with a sub-committee of the Rehoboth School Needs Committee and discussed our needs and theirs.

“In August this committee called upon us again and expressed a desire to study the regional school problem with us. Since that time we have had at least one meeting a month with that committee. The fact that Rehoboth had engaged the services of Mr. John Marshall, school building consultant, to do a school survey slowed the work of the committee.

“The report of Mr. Marshall’s survey was received in January. After it was discussed and revised to a certain extent, the committee began its work on a regional agreement. The committee is now working on an agreement to establish a four year regional high school.”

VOTED: On motion of Harry Hagopian that the Town accept the report of the Regional School Planning Committee as a report of progress and instruct them to continue study with any interested towns.

(26) The report of the Town Ambulance Committee was given by Clayton Atwood:

“The Board of Selectmen acting under authority of the Town Meeting vote, appointed a committee of eight in February of 1958 to work with them to study the needs and feasibility of replacing the present town-owned ambulance.

“The Committee has met on two occasions and at the present have the following to submit:

1. The present town-operated ambulance should be replaced in the immediate future.
2. The Town should be requested to provide the necessary funds to purchase a good, suitable and satisfactory vehicle to meet the Town’s needs.
3. A new system of service charges should be established whereby all who benefit from the ambulance are assessed a fee.
4. Whereas several neighboring communities and private agencies have orders placed for delivery of various types of ambulance vehicles, the Committee desires to inspect these upon delivery which is estimated to be near April 1, 1958, in most instances.
5. The Committee will further study the possible purchase of used deluxe type ambulance vehicles which become available in the price-range of \$3,000 to \$4,000.

6. The Committee has unanimously resolved to complete recommendations in time for Town Meeting consideration of the required appropriation at the adjourned Town Meeting, Monday, May 5, 1958.

Respectfully submitted,

Clayton H. Atwood
William F. Benevides
Earle M. Smith
Board of Selectmen
Charles H. Mason
Chief of Police
Donald B. Hathaway
Chief of Fire Dept.
Stafford H. Hambly
Civil Defense Director
Bella M. Boucher
Social Worker
Charles M. Souza
Town Physician
Esther Bowden
Town Nurse
Wendall B. Carey
Arnold Hoffman Co.
John Perry
Dighton Industries"

VOTED: On motion of Earle Smith that the Town accept the report of the Town Ambulance Committee as a report of progress.

(27) VOTED: On motion of Clayton Atwood that action on Article 27 be tabled pending a report of the Ambulance Committee at the adjourned Town Meeting.

At 8:59 P. M. it was voted to adjourn to 7:30 P. M. on May 5, 1958.

The adjourned Town meeting was held at Town Hall at 7:30 P. M. on May 5, 1958. The meeting was called to order by Stafford H. Hambly.

Article 6, Item 6, VOTED: On motion made by Earle M. Smith to reconsider Article 6.

VOTED: On motion made by Earle M. Smith to reconsider Item 6 of Article 6—Care of Town Elms.

VOTED: On motion made by Earle M. Smith to raise and appropriate \$750.00 as a supplement to the original appropriation for the Care of Town Elms.

Article 6, Item 10, VOTED: On motion made by Clayton H. Atwood to reconsider Item 10 of Article 6—Street Department.

VOTED: On motion made by Clayton H. Atwood that the Town appropriate \$6,500.00 to the Street Department for the purpose of resurfacing 2,800 feet of a portion of Spring Street and to meet said appropriation, available funds in the Treasury be transferred as follows:

\$3,326.51 from Chapter 718
1,000.00 from Chapter 81
2,173.49 from Gravel Roads
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\$6,500.00

Article 6, Item 14, VOTED: On motion made by William F. Benevides to reconsider Item 14 of Article 6—Fire Department.

VOTED: On motion made by William F. Benevides to raise and appropriate \$300.00 as a supplement to the original appropriation for the Fire Department.

Article 25, VOTED: On motion made by Stuart A. Arnold to reconsider Article 25.

The following report was given by Stuart A. Arnold, Chairman of the Regional School Planning Committee:

“Since the March 10th Town Meeting the Regional Planning Board has met with the Rehoboth Committee and drawn up an agreement. This agreement calls for the building of a four year regional high school with a vocational program as well. The school would be located in the vicinity of the Dighton-Rehoboth town line. ,

“The agreement has been approved by the School Building Assistance Commission and by Bond Counsel. It is now before the Emergency Finance Board and then will be approved by the Department of Education. This should be completed within a week.

“In the meantime the Committee is working out an educational program for such an enterprise. It is hoped that areas may be determined so that we may compare the cost in square feet of a regional as compared to the square foot costs of additions.

“When this is completed the Committee will hold some open forums to discuss the plan. It is the aim of the Committee to present this agreement to a special Town meeting before the summer vacation period.

Respectfully submitted,

(Signed) STUART A. ARNOLD

Chairman of Regional School Planning Committee”

VOTED: On motion made by Clayton H. Atwood to accept the report of the Regional School Planning Committee as a report of progress and to instruct the committee to continue its efforts with the Rehoboth committee.

Article 26, VOTED: On motion made by Clayton H. Atwood to reconsider Article 26.

The following report of the Town Ambulance Committee was read by Clayton H. Atwood:

“The Town Ambulance Committee, through the means of solicitation for listings by the various agencies and dealers of Ambulances, is in receipt of an offer from the Miller

Meteor Sales of N. E. Inc. of Lynn, Mass., to sell the Town a 1952 Superior Cadillac DeLuxe Ambulance in the amount of \$3,900.00.

“The Committee has had the vehicle surveyed by competent persons, who report that the vehicle is in excellent condition, and of good value as offered. The Committee unanimously recommends that the Town appropriate \$3,900.-00 for the purchase of this vehicle, and that the Selectmen be authorized to process the acquisition of same in conformity with the statutes.

Respectfully submitted,

Clayton H. Atwood
William F. Benevides
Earle M. Smith
Board of Selectmen
Charles H. Mason
Chief of Police
Harry F. Willis
Chief of Fire Dept.
Stafford H. Hambly
Civil Defense Director
Bella M. Boucher
Social Worker
Charles M. Souza
Town Physician
Esther Bowden
Town Nurse
Wendall B. Carey
Arnold Hoffman Co.
John Perry
Dighton Industries”

Article 27, VOTED: On motion made by Earle M. Smith to reconsider Article 27.

VOTED: On motion made by Clayton H. Atwood that the Town raise and appropriate the sum of \$3,900.00 for the

purpose of purchasing a suitable second-hand ambulance to replace the present Town operated vehicle and that the Board of Selectmen be authorized to process the acquisition of same in conformity with the statutory requirements.

The following appointments to the Town Finance Committee to serve until the final adjournment of the 1959 Annual Town Meeting were made by Stafford H. Hambly, Moderator; John Cambra, Main St.; Louis Constantine, County St.; William L. Donle, Pine St.; Clarence J. Eliason, Wellington St.; Milton F. Horton, Walker St.; Roger B. Perry, School St.; and Gordon E. Spinney, Summer St.

Voted at 7:54 P. M. to adjourn without date.

The special town meeting was held on June 9, 1958 at 8:00 P. M. in the Town Hall. It was called to order by the moderator, Stafford H. Hambly, who read the warrant for the calling of the meeting.

The following motion was made by Albert DeSilva and seconded by Robert Bradshaw:

That the Town vote to accept the provisions of sections sixteen to sixteen I, inclusive, of Chapter seventy one of the General Laws, providing for the establishment of a regional school district, together with the Town of Rehoboth and the construction, maintenance and operation of a regional school by the said district in accordance with the provisions of a proposed agreement filed with the Selectmen.

The moderator called for a discussion on the above motion and the report of the regional school planning committee was read by Stuart A. Arnold.

“A study of the school building needs for the Town of Dighton was authorized in December of 1954 by the vote of a special Town Meeting. In the last three and one-half

years, your committee has held many meetings and has studied every aspect of Dighton school needs.

“The committee has made a progress report at every Town meeting since that time for the purpose of informing the taxpayers on its progress. At the Annual Town Meeting of March 14, 1955, a detailed report was presented.

The following important facts were noted:

1. The Vocational School is hampered by lack of adequate space and facilities.
2. The High School program is suffering from lack of room for an adequate curriculum.
3. The Elementary School is becoming seriously overcrowded.
4. The Town Office space is too small.

“The following possibilities for improvement have been considered:

1. A new Vocational School
2. An addition to the High School
3. A new Dighton High School
4. An addition to the Elementary School
5. A Regional High School with some nearby town.

“After intensive study and research, we recommend that Dighton build an 800 pupil, four year Regional High School with Rehoboth. This plan would include a Vocational School and correct that situation. Our high school needs for room and an improved curriculum would be satisfied. The present High School would become the Dighton Junior High School and house the 6th, 7th, and 8th grades. The Junior High program could be expanded and room allocated for additional Town Office space. The present Elementary School will allow three rooms per grade and the special classrooms required by law.

“It is the unanimous opinion of the School Building Needs Committee, the School Committee, the Regional School Planning Committee and the Selectmen of the Town of Dighton that the best educational program may be offered to the students of Dighton in the most economical way for our taxpayer under this plan.

Respectfully submitted,

STUART A. ARNOLD

ROBERT H. BRADSHAW

ALBERT R. DeSILVA

Regional School Planning Committee”

After a talk on the subject by Frank Rogers, Gordon E. Spinney made a motion that there be a call for the voting on the question. The vote was made by a raising of hands and failed to pass for lack of a two-thirds majority.

The discussion period which followed lasted for about an hour and was terminated when Wayne M. Philbrook made a motion to proceed with the voting on the question. It was so voted.

A motion was made to accept the report of the Regional School Planning Committee. This motion was passed and the moderator declared the meeting recessed at 9:14 P. M. while polling was carried on by special ballot downstairs in the high school cafeteria. The election workers acting as checkers and tellers were: Anna Simmons, Ruth Leeming, Hazel Reed, Catherine Sherman, Muriel Carey, George W. Rose, and Elaine Varley. The polls were closed at 9:40 P. M.

The meeting was again called to order at 9:54 P. M. and the result of the voting was announced as follows:

Total number of ballots cast—313; yes votes—186; no votes—127. The motion was declared carried and the meeting adjourned at 9:57 P. M.

The State Primary was held in the three precincts on September 9, 1958. The total number of votes cast was as

follows: Precinct A, Republican 110, Democratic 29; Precinct B, Republican 57, Democratic 8; Precinct C, Republican 20, Democratic 27—Total 251.

The State Elections were held on November 4, 1958 in the three precincts. Five hundred twenty-six votes were cast in Precinct A; 348 in Precinct B; 390 in Precinct C—Total 1,264.

A special town meeting was held on Wednesday, December 3, 1958, at 8 o'clock, Stafford H. Hambly, moderator.

Clayton H. Atwood made a motion to dispense with the reading of the warrant. The motion was seconded and passed.

(1) VOTED: On motion made by Edward Roy that the Town vote pursuant to a petition of George L. and Rose Gray, to lay-out, accept, and establish "Rose Terrace", as a public highway, a description of which is contained in a lay-out dated May, 1958 and filed with the Town Clerk.

(2) VOTED: On motion of Earle M. Smith that the Town vote to accept a proposed layout of Smith Street as shown on a plan on file with the Town Clerk and to authorize and accept a proposed taking by eminent domain or purchase, as provided by the General Laws of Massachusetts, by the Selectmen of the Town of Dighton, for the purpose of constructing, altering, locating or repairing a highway in said Dighton, known as Smith Street, as shown on a plan of the proposed layout of Smith Street, entitled "Plan of Smith Street in the Town of Dighton, Bristol County, Scale 40 feet to the inch—E. Otis Dyer, Engineer, dated August 21, 1958", said plan being on file with the Town Clerk, certain parcels of land in fee with all rights, easements, privileges and appurtenances thereto, including all fixtures, buildings, structures affixed thereto, and all trees, including shade trees, fruit trees, shrubs, and stone walls.

(3) VOTED: On motion made by Earle M. Smith that the Town vote to accept a proposed layout of Williams Street as shown on a plan on file with the Town Clerk and to authorize and accept a proposed taking by eminent domain or purchase, as provided by the General Laws of Massachusetts, by the Selectmen of the Town of Dighton, for the purpose of constructing, altering, locating, or repairing a highway in said Dighton, known as Williams Street, as shown on a plan of the proposed layout of Williams Street, entitled "Plan of Williams Street in the Town of Dighton at the Segreganset River, Bristol County, Scale 40 ft. to the inch—E. Otis Dyer, Engineer, dated October 28, 1958", said plan being on file with the Town Clerk, certain parcels of land in fee with all rights, easements, privileges and appurtenances thereto, including all fixtures, buildings, structures affixed thereto, and all trees, including shade trees, fruit trees, shrubs, and stone walls.

(4) VOTED: On motion made by Clayton Atwood that the Town vote in accordance with the recommendations of the Town Finance Committee in a report given by Louis Constantine, Chairman, to transfer the following departmental accounts:

\$100.00 from Aid to Dependent Children to General Relief Administration

\$1,000.00 from Aid to Dependent Children to General Relief

\$100.42 from Public Property Acct. to Street Dept.

\$1,215.35 from Special Dump Acct. to Street Dept.

\$41.50 from Sidewalk Maintenance to Street Dept.

\$32.08 from Gypsy Moth to Street Dept.

\$18.73 from Town Elms to Street Dept.

\$35.80 from Shade Tree Acct. to Street Dept.

\$500.00 from Road Machinery Fund to Road Machinery Acct.

(5) A motion was made by Stuart Arnold and seconded that the Town vote by ballot to approve the amount of debt, namely, \$100,000 authorized by the Regional District School Com-

mittee of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District on November 4, 1958.

A discussion lasting about one half hour followed, then the question was called and a vote in favor was given. The balloting was carried on by use of "Yes" and "No" ballots. The election workers in charge of the voting were Anna Simmons, Catherine Sherman, Elaine Varley, Carolyn Tripp, Hazel Reed, and Irene Goulart.

The polls were opened at 8:50 P. M. and closed at 9:12 P. M. The ballots having been sorted and counted, the results were declared as follows: Yes, 169; No, 74.

The motion to adjourn was made at 9:20 P. M.

Attest:

PERCY B. SIMMONS,

Town Clerk

LICENSES ISSUED DURING 1958

The following licenses were issued during 1958: All Alcoholic Club License (3), All Alcoholic Restaurant License (1), All Alcoholic Package Store License (2), Automobile Dealers' Licenses—Class I (2), Class II (1), Class III (2), Cabin Licenses (3), Common Victualler's License (14), Denatured Alcohol License (8), Gasoline Permits (2), Ice Cream Manufacturer (1), Junk Collectors (2), Lord's Day (15), Milk Licenses—Stores (14), Milk Licenses—Vehicles (3), Oleomargarine Licenses (6), Oyster Bed Privileges (1), Sausage Manufacturer's License (1), Building Permits—Alteration (21), Building Permits—New Construction (19), Temporary Wine and Malt Beverages (10), Gravel Permits (4), Entertainment on the Lord's Day Licenses (2). A dog racing meeting license to conduct a dog racing meet was issued to the Rehoboth Fair, Inc. beginning August 18, 1958 to August 23, 1958. A dog racing meeting license was issued to the Taunton Greyhound Assoc., Inc. beginning August 29, 1958 to October 25, 1958.

BIRTHS REGISTERED IN DIGHTON DURING 1958

Month	Name	Parents
JANUARY		
12	Cheryl Marie Dutra	Lawrence D. & Meryln E. Jennings Dutra
27	Sheila Frances Carr	Edward O. & Maureen Plazza Carr
28	Colleen Ann Farley	George H. & Genevieve Corey Farley
29	Jeffrey Chandler Cole	Alton H. & Elizabeth C. Wade Cole
29	Jonathan Charles Cole	Alton H. & Elizabeth C. Wade Cole
FEBRUARY		
5	Henry James Conaty, Jr.	Henry James & Lorraine F. Foley Conaty
6	Ruth Ellen Horton	Clyde W. & Bessie Pierce Horton
7	Paula Marie McCracken	Harold L. & Marcia A. Galligan McCracken
14	Randon Charles Mendes	Antone & Lorraine K. Rose Mendes
14	Joanne Gomes	Joseph S., Jr. & Louise Gracia Gomes
24	Celeste Marie Goulart	Edward F. & Doris Dionne Goulart
26	Cheryl Ann Carlos	Edwin & Joan Reynolds Carlos
26	Pamela Jean Boegler	Alfred C. & Eleanor A. Sherman Boegler
28	Rhonda Ann Silvia	Edward J. & Loretta Sousa Silvia
MARCH		
3	John Joseph Burke	Richard J. & Betty Jo Durkee Burke
11	(Baby) Pilling	David A. & Ruth Ann Sears Pilling
21	Richard Alan Bacon	Charles H. & Rose A. McLaughlin Bacon
APRIL		
8	Stephen Michael Ross	William J. & Elsa Hanselman Ross
11	Debora Dolores Dias	Manuel R. & Carol Gauthier Dias
16	Michael Brian Tinkham	Robert & Ann T. Neveu Tinkham
21	Gail Dawn McCrady	Wilbur J. & Constance E. Carlson McCrady
24	Paul Thomas Brady	Joseph E. & Jane M. Fox Brady
24	John Louis Dutra	George A. & Maureen E. Welch Dutra
25	Bruce Michael Haigler	Charles & Philomena Costa Haigler
30	Sean Henry Keenan	Henry & Margaret Haggerty Keenan
MAY		
2	Gregg Allan Lindo	Ernest C. & Evelyn J. Mendoza Lindo
7	Linda Ann Haskins	Byron E. & Stella L. Tavers Haskins
7	Lois Ann Haskins	Byron E. & Stella L. Tavers Haskins
7	David Michael DeMello	Richard M. & Mary Madden DeMello

19	Deborah Marie Cummings	Kenneth W. & Rose Marie Goulart Cummings
21	Gail Medeiros	Robert & Theresa M. Oliveira Medeiros
29	Richard Earle Simmons	Ralph F. & Margaret M. Chisholm Simmons

JUNE

2	Anne Virginia Lane	John & Mary T. Driscoll Lane
2	Scott Stephan Silvia	Edward A. & Elizabeth A. Sherman Silvia
3	David Scott Phillips	David L. & Norma Davis Phillips
5	Jeffrey Scott Wakefield	William & Lucille M. Ferrier Wakefield
6	Shirley Jean Rose	Donald E. & Rosa M. Renka Rose
15	Louis Alban Correia	Louis A. & Doris A. Carr Correia
22	Lynn Marie Silva	Thomas R. & June H. Stott Silva

JULY

1	Douglas Stuart Robertson	John D. & Isabelle A. Dolan Robertson
3	Gayle Ann Perry	Joseph W. & Roberta M. Sherman Perry
7	Thomas William Araujo	Caesar & Agnes L. Castro Araujo
7	Annie Steve-John	Larry S. & Lena Eli Steve-John
8	William Frederick Kingsland	William F. & Mary Jane Mello Kingsland
12	Craig Joseph Martin	Richard K. & Nancy C. Regan Martin
14	Richard Thomas Buckley	Eldwin & Dorothy Ferreira Buckley
19	Ruth Ann McClellan	Francis B. & Janice R. Horton McClellan
23	Victor Manuel Cardoza	Victor M. & Marjorie B. Bolton Cardoza
26	Tami Lou Snell	Kendall E. & Ainsley E. White Snell
29	Kimberly Barry	Richard B. & Olive A. Kirk Barry
29	Cheryl-Lee-Ann Simonds	Russell E. & Madelyn A. Simmons Simonds
31	Kirk Emerson Horton	Milton F. & Evelyn J. Horton Horton

AUGUST

4	Allan Lee Haskell	Walter R. & Barbara A. White Haskell
10	Nancy Ann Jack	George E. & Elizabeth A. Chase Jack
12	Mark Edward Roy	Edward W., Jr. & Jeanne E. Morris Roy
14	Carol LaFrance	Robert J. & Shirley M. Smith LaFrance
16	Gary Thiboutot	Donat O. & Betty J. Barry Thiboutot
18	Glen John Perry	William & Louise Horton Perry
19	Wayne Jesse Horton	Maynard F. & Barbara M. Sears Horton
26	Susan Olive Carvalho	Joseph & Olive Frizado Carvalho

SEPTEMBER

1	James Patrick Roane	James P. & Rita M. Owens Roane
5	Christine Ribeiro	James A. & Edna M. Souza Ribeiro
27	William Charles Gilbert	Charles M. & Joan L. Rounds Gilbert
29	Lori Ann Ferreira	Harold & Mary Amaral Ferreira

OCTOBER

9	Charles Anthony Rodriques	Delphine & Angelina Plunkett Rodriques
11	Nancy Ann Lopes	Benjamin & Marilyn M. Peirce Lopes
11	Susan Laura Vincent	Joseph & Catherine E. Smith Vincent
18	Doris Bleau	Joseph C. & Mary T. Corey Bleau
23	Albert Allan Tavers	Albert A. & Dolores A. Andrade Tavers
25	Mary Jane Silvia	Marion R. & Anna M. Francis Silvia
27	Karen Louise Morrill	John H. & Ruth G. Hixon Morrill
31	Sharon Louise Smith	Thomas F. & Dorothy M. Dugan Smith

NOVEMBER

7	Kenneth Patrick Rhines	Wilfred A. & Irene Silvia Rhines
10	Jean Louise Collis	Louis & Jeannette Belisle Collis
10	Marc Francis Rivard	Joseph A. & Josephine E. Motte Rivard
15	Mark David Furman	David L. & Shelley Matney Furman
19	Kevin John Souza	George & Alice Perry Souza
30	William Richard Virdinlia	William R. & Janet Rose Virdinlia

DECEMBER

2	Julie Ann Simmons	George E. & Janet S. Barry Simmons
4	Laurie Jean Dubois	Richard A. & Jean C. Twist Dubois
6	Peter James Costa	Raymond E. & Ruth A. Buckman Costa
7	Kevin Joseph Murphy	John W. & Norma R. Bickford Murphy
9	(Baby) Roderick	John & Concetta Cardillo Roderick
13	Thomas Robert Collins	John R. & Ann P. Johnson Collins
25	Linda Jeanne Weekley	Arthur R. & Mary F. Cavanagh Weekley
27	Stephen George Silva	William L. & Carolyn Pabst Silva
31	Robert Benjamin Sherman	Robert B. & Joyce Soares Sherman

**MARRIAGES REGISTERED
IN THE TOWN OF DIGHTON
FOR 1958**

JANUARY

- 4 Joseph A. Marques of Dighton and Jane E. Andrews of Taunton
- 8 Bradford E. Plante of Warwick, R. I. and Gail L. Bruce of Warwick, R. I.

FEBRUARY

- 1 Robert H. Andrews of Wakefield, R. I. and Helen McNamee of Providence, R. I.
- 7 Edward Martin Dooley of Taunton and Carol Machado of Dighton.
- 15 Edward E. Neves of Dighton and Marilyn Mae Monroe of Taunton.
- 15 Edward Anthony Silvia of Dighton and Elizabeth Ann Sherman of Dighton.

MARCH

- 1 Samuel Stanley Pratt, Jr. of Dighton and Shirley Irene Billings of Berkley.
- 15 Peter W. Davis of Elkins Park, Pa. and Irene Milliken of Dighton.

APRIL

- 5 George Eric Jack of Dighton and Elizabeth Ann Chase of Taunton.
- 12 Edmund Braga of Fall River and Elaine Pine of Dighton.
- 12 Kenneth Andrews Horton of Dighton and Patricia Anne Mathewson of Rehoboth.
- 19 Richard T. Vincent of Taunton and Dolores P. Silva of Dighton.
- 26 Carl F. Bridge, Jr. of Meriden, Conn. and Eleanor I. Marsden of Dighton.

- 26 James F. Sullivan of Central Fall, R. I. and Josephine Loftus of Dighton.

MAY

- 3 Harold J. Gracia of Dighton and Jean A. Bagnall of Swansea.
24 Everett A. Torres of Dighton and Jane L. Zeiba of Taunton.
24 John E. Martin of Dighton and Vivian J. Evangelho of Dighton.
29 Ronald F. O'Connor of Dighton and Theresa Neto of Taunton.

JUNE

- 13 Edgar L. Tranter of Dighton and Carmel Mary Kelly of Quincy.
14 William Turner of Dighton and Marilyn Dudley of Taunton
14 Peter Casey Hatten of Pawtucket, R. I. and Mildred June Mello of Dighton.
21 Edward Carpenter of Dighton and Evelyn P. Mello of Somerset.
21 Manuel C. Phillips of Dighton and Carolyn Butler of Somerset.
28 Allen B. Hay of Dighton and Delia Medeiros of Taunton.
28 Chester P. Slivinski of Berkley and Diane G. Boucher of Dighton.
28 Robert D. Nunes of Dighton and Shirley M. Coyle of Taunton.
28 Daniel Santiso of Bridgeport, Conn. and Elizabeth L. Andrews of Dighton.
30 Arnaldo Silva of Middleboro and Dolores M. Morris of Dighton.

JULY

- 4 William F. Benevides, Jr. of Dighton and June Clough of Berkley.
9 Paul Costa Pacheco of Dighton and Lois B. Pratt of Taunton.

- 12 James J. Justice of Pawtucket, R. I. and Sheila M. Donlon of Dighton.
- 17 Gregory Fitzgerald of Dighton and Judith C. Barry of Dighton.
- 17 William E. Tavares of Taunton and Mary A. Lema of Dighton.
- 26 Carl F. Golding of Dighton and Jean A. Treani of Taunton.
- 29 John W. Greeley of Boston and Jacqueline Spaziano of Providence, R. I.

AUGUST

- 6 Harlan Gordon Horton of Dighton and Jean Eleanor Hamblin of Sandwich.
- 16 Jack L. Barnhart of Newport, R. I. and Shirley R. McCracken of Dighton.
- 23 William Williams of Dighton and Madeline M. Zeller of Bridgewater.
- 23 Alphonse Carpenter of Dighton and Eileen M. Charves of Swansea.
- 30 James E. McCormack of Dighton and Barbara Ann Dube of Swansea.

SEPTEMBER

- 1 Rodney E. Willette of Dighton and Dorothy M. Bettencourt of Taunton.
- 6 Richard R. Pelchat of Dighton and Carol Stanley of Taunton.
- 6 Robert C. Torres of Dighton and Patricia A. Kelliher of Taunton.
- 6 Alfred Davis of Dighton and Mary C. Kennedy of Taunton.
- 13 Richard A. Lassen of Dighton and Edith C. Galligan of Taunton.
- 13 Walter Whitmore, Jr. of Dighton and Janet Lefaivre of Dighton.
- 22 Albert H. Perry of Attleboro and Shirley J. Clay of Dighton.
- 27 James C. Owen of Fall River and Ora B. Wordell of Dighton.

OCTOBER

- 4 Raymond S. Badejo of Dighton and Helen Marques of Dighton.
- 8 Thomas H. Coder of Brockway, Pa. and Beth Cambra of Dighton.
- 11 Serafim Ferreira of Taunton and Josephine Rego of Dighton.
- 11 Vincent F. Hebert of Taunton and Elizabeth J. Torres of Dighton.
- 18 Fred Ruby Barlow of Rehoboth and Annie Maude Horton of Rehoboth.

NOVEMBER

- 8 Joseph Viveiros, Jr. of Somerset and Lorraine D. Costa of Dighton.
- 15 James Joseph O'Connell of Dighton and Mary Patricia Butler of Taunton.
- 27 Robert E. Townsend of Dighton and Mildred F. Dreghorn of Dighton.
- 29 John Louis Newell, Jr. of Brookline and Emily Milliken of Dighton.
- 29 Arthur John Allie of Dighton and Claire Vivian Vermette of Somerset.

DECEMBER

- 5 Frank Perry Cardoza of Rehoboth and Patricia Knox of Dighton.

DEATHS REGISTERED IN DIGHTON FOR THE YEAR 1958

Date	Name	Yrs.	Mos.	Days
JANUARY				
8	Manuel Rodrigues-Roderick	82		3
11	Mary A. Rose	63	8	8
11	Catherine Callahan	78		
20	Alexander T. Sylvia	66		
22	Maria Cimino	81	3	28
FEBRUARY				
2	Carl P. Gorden, Jr.	59	5	10
5	Mary Souza	78	5	16
6	Margaret M. Poole	77	10	27
14	Mark Lincoln Reid	1	3	7
MARCH				
3	Harold Augustin Perry	60	7	2
7	Minna Glidden	82	7	1
11 Pilling			1 hr.
17	Angelina Sanson	79		
26	Manuel V. Motta	44	3	29
31	Lester Matthew Briggs	69	8	19
APRIL				
8	Bessie Pinaro	73		
MAY				
3	Gertrude E. Staples	84	9	16
8	Eugene White	53	9	13
11	Viola May Richardson	76	0	7
14	Siah Holmes	73	7	14
20	Austin C. Barney	71	6	10
20	John Siira	72	10	13

JUNE

12	Frances Baptista	67	2	11
21	John Charles Ball	84	8	11
28 Luallen	Stillborn		

JULY

2	Manuel M. Costa	60	9	
17	Mary Rose	68		16
17	Robert S. Wakefield	30	6	14

AUGUST

5	George B. Glidden	87	9	11
9	Irene E. Thompson	45	3	13

SEPTEMBER

10	Frank J. Gonsalves	83	11	
18	Angelica Rogers	79		10
19	Charles William Cole	92	8	4

OCTOBER

11	Harry Julian Robinson	84	7	27
19	Mary Rogers	86		
23	Alphonse Carpenter	43	6	26

NOVEMBER

2	Mabel Beck	66	5	29
30	Manuel Pont White	52	8	26

DECEMBER

7	Edward D. Greenlaw	72	10	27
9 Roderick	Stillborn		
21	Kathie Hertilla Boynton	80	9	4
27	Inez Nina Robinson	80	11	5

REPORT OF CEMETERY FUND

	Amount of Fund	On Deposit 12/31/57	Interest in 1958	Total on Deposit	Paid Out	Balance 12/31/58
Harriet M. Briggs.....	\$200.00	\$235.15	\$7.10	\$242.25	\$0.00	\$242.25
Submit Babbitt.....	50.00	59.30	1.79	61.09	1.00	60.09
Mary J. Briggs.....	100.00	133.41	4.03	137.44	3.00	134.44
Edgar A. Essex.....	200.00	235.57	7.11	242.68	3.00	239.68
Ebenezer Gay.....	50.00	55.61	1.67	57.28	1.00	56.28
William D. Goff.....	100.00	120.06	3.62	123.68	2.00	121.68
Bliss—Arthur A. Hathaway.....	200.00	228.86	6.90	235.76	4.00	231.76
Nancy C. Jones.....	150.00	174.86	5.27	180.13	3.00	177.13
Dr. A. J. Smith.....	150.00	182.95	4.59	187.54	4.00	183.54
Martha L. Smith.....	50.00	52.79	1.31	54.10	1.00	53.10
Oliver P. Simmons.....	721.00	721.00	21.79	742.79	21.79	721.00
Sarah Babbitt.....	100.00	217.47	6.55	224.02	7.00	217.02
Joseph Gooding.....	142.75	180.12	5.43	185.55	10.00	175.55
Josephine G. Thaxter.....	100.00	118.31	3.57	121.88	3.00	118.88
William Walker.....	250.00	263.17	7.96	271.13	15.00	256.13
Jesse P. Goff.....	100.00	103.82	3.12	106.94	1.00	105.94
George H. Horton.....	100.00	183.80	5.54	189.34	8.00	181.34
E. & J. Lincoln.....	200.00	216.84	6.54	223.38	6.00	217.38
Gilbert Strange.....	300.00	205.45	6.20	311.65	6.00	305.65
Josiah R. Talbot.....	100.00	162.08	4.89	166.97	0.00	166.97
Emery White.....	100.00	106.87	3.21	110.08	2.00	108.08

CEMETERY FUNDS—continued

	Amount of Fund	On Deposit 12/31/57	Interest in 1958	Total on Deposit	Paid Out	Balance 12/31/58
Emeline Williams.....	100.00	103.87	3.13	107.00	0.00	107.00
Charles E. Carr.....	500.00	522.95	15.78	538.73	10.00	528.73
Isabelle W. Snow.....	100.00	0.00	0.00	100.00	0.00	100.00
N. Allen Walker.....	150.98	278.93	8.42	287.35	15.00	272.35
Briggs Lot.....	125.00	180.07	5.43	185.50	14.00	171.50
Joshua Bliss.....	5000.00	5449.96	164.71	5614.67	135.00	5479.67
Bliss—Westcoat.....	200.00	228.95	6.90	235.85	3.00	232.85
David W. Francis.....	100.00	135.99	4.10	140.09	3.00	137.09
Albert F. Goff.....	50.00	57.48	1.44	58.92	1.00	57.92
Elbridge G. Francis.....	200.00	225.90	6.82	232.72	4.00	228.72
George E. Francis.....	100.00	177.22	5.35	182.57	3.00	179.57
Benjamin F. Goff.....	100.00	141.18	4.26	145.44	3.00	142.44
Emerson W. Goff.....	100.00	124.66	3.75	128.41	3.00	125.41
Ephira Goff.....	100.00	119.72	3.61	123.33	3.00	120.33
Truman N. Goff.....	100.00	140.47	4.23	144.70	3.00	141.70
Zenas H. Goff.....	200.00	256.33	7.74	264.07	3.00	261.07
John H. Harlow.....	100.00	113.24	3.41	116.65	2.00	114.65
Alfred A. Horton.....	100.00	112.02	3.38	115.40	2.50	112.90
John H. Horton.....	100.00	115.41	3.49	118.90	2.00	116.90
Nelson Horton.....	100.00	167.52	5.05	172.57	2.50	170.07

Job Paull.....	100.00	129.59	3.91	133.50	0.00	133.50
Robert S. Waterman.....	100.00	122.38	3.69	126.07	3.00	123.07
Etta Westcott.....	100.00	112.57	3.39	115.96	.50	115.46
Westcott & McNally.....	200.00	212.19	5.33	217.52	4.00	213.52
Francis J. Wheeler.....	100.00	125.23	3.79	129.02	3.00	126.02
Shubel Wheeler.....	100.00	111.30	2.79	114.09	2.00	112.09
Thomas B. Witherell.....	100.00	128.20	3.87	132.07	3.00	129.07
Helen C. Briggs.....	75.00	82.15	2.48	84.63	3.00	81.63
Sylvanus Jones.....	100.00	185.52	5.59	191.11	9.00	182.11
Nathan Walker	100.00	102.75	3.09	105.84	2.00	103.84
Wendell Weed.....	100.00	118.15	3.56	121.71	4.00	117.71
Williams Lot.....	100.00	183.86	5.54	189.40	4.00	185.40

JURY LIST—1958-1959

Name	Occupation	Address	Post Office
Allie, Mary M.	Housewife	Muddy Cove	Dighton
Andrews, Blanche	At Home	Somerset Ave.	No. Dighton
Andrews, William	Soil Conservation Service	Wellington St.	No. Dighton
Candelet, Clemence	At Home	Somerset Ave.	No. Dighton
Carlstrom, Edith	At Home	Somerset Ave.	No. Dighton
Catabia, Louise	Electronics Worker	Williams St.	No. Dighton
Cobb, John	Jewelry Supervisor	108 Cedar St.	Dighton
Constantine, Louis, Jr.	Vegetable Grower	County St.	Dighton
Cummings, Eleanor F.	At Home	131 Lincoln Ave.	No. Dighton
DeMarco, Margaret S.	At Home	403 Spring St.	No. Dighton
DeMello, Manuel S.	Farmer	School Lane	Dighton
Denbow, Sherlock W.	Farmer	Williams St.	No. Dighton
Deslauriers, Julia M.	At Home	99 Forest St.	No. Dighton
Duarte, Emma	At Home	Williams St.	No. Dighton
Dutra, Seth	Farmer	Muddy Cove	Dighton
Goff, Charles N.	Insurance Broker & Agent	Walker St.	No. Dighton
Grace, Edward E.	Laborer	Milk St.	Dighton
Harris, Charles W.	Self-employed Salesman	Somerset Ave.	No. Dighton
Hathaway, Mary	At Home	Center St.	No. Dighton
Hathaway, Ora	Housewife	Somerset Ave.	No. Dighton
Heinig, Mary I.	At Home	57 Summer St.	No. Dighton
Heywood, James V.	Credit & Office Manager	251 School St.	No. Dighton
Horton, Hazel W.	Housewife	Williams St.	No. Dighton
Hurwitz, Dorothy	Housewife	49 Summer St.	No. Dighton
Marsden, Russell	Office Manager	Winthrop St.	No. Dighton
Mason, Gennetta	Housewife	Somerset Ave.	No. Dighton
McCarthy, William K., Jr.	Adv. Solicitor	36 Bedford St.	No. Dighton
McCarthy, William K., Sr.	Salesman	36 Bedford St.	No. Dighton
McNulty, Lester T.	Unemployed	258 Lincoln Ave.	No. Dighton
Miguel, George	Farmer	35 Hart St.	Dighton
Miller, Dorothy M.	Housewife	Somerset Ave.	No. Dighton
Pires, John	Farmer	Main St.	Dighton
Ross, Norman	Cranston Print Works	Center St.	Segreganset
Stafford, Lillian H.	At Home	108 Chase St.	No. Dighton
Stonstrom, Doris	Billing Clerk	Williams St.	No. Dighton
Sweet, Marion	Housewife	Somerset Ave.	Segreganset
Wall, Selma	Housewife	Mt. Hope St.	No. Dighton
Willis, Harry F.	Maintenance Foreman	1 Forest St.	No. Dighton

JURORS DRAWN DURING 1958

January 8, 1958

Philip Maltais, Somerset Ave., Segreganset, Caretaker.

Alfred Fisher, Elm St., Dighton, Farmer.

Harold Sherrington, 53 Chase St., No. Dighton, Salesman.

February 5, 1958

Charles French, Center St., Dighton, Retired.

Priscilla M. Hopkins, Somerset Ave., No. Dighton, Tester.

March 5, 1958

Leland F. Bullard, Somerset Ave., Segreganset, Self-employed.

Clarence J. Eliason, Wellington St., Dighton, District Manager.

Anna Sherrington, Chase St., No. Dighton, Housewife.

April 9, 1958

Elsa Follett, Williams St., No. Dighton, Secretary.

Helen McCarthy, 36 Bedford St., Housewife.

May 7, 1958

Fred Rebello, Forest St., No. Dighton, Retired.

Anna C. Simmons, Lincoln Ave., No. Dighton, Housewife.

September 9, 1958

Charles N. Goff, Walker St., No. Dighton, Insurance Agent.

September 17, 1958

Russell Marsden, Winthrop St., No. Dighton, Office Manager.

October 14, 1958

Gennetta Mason, Somerset Ave., No. Dighton, Housewife.

Louise Catabia, Williams St., No. Dighton, Electronics Worker.

November 6, 1958

Julia M. Deslauriers, 99 Forest St., No. Dighton, Housewife.

Louis Constantine, Jr., County St., Dighton, Vegetable Grower.

December 3, 1958

Edith Carlstrom, Somerset Ave., No. Dighton, Housewife.

REPORT OF MOTHS SUPERINTENDENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

The elm trees having Dutch Elm Disease in the Town of Dighton have been removed by the Hixon Tree Company, under the supervision of the Moth Superintendent at a cost of \$4,162.40.

Respectfully submitted,

GEORGE W. ROSE,
Moth Superintendent

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE BOARD OF ASSESSORS

Our annual report to the citizens of Dighton for the year 1958 is as follows:

Appropriations

To be raised by taxation	\$455,418.85	
To be taken from available funds:		
Voted in 1957	\$87,027.35	
Voted in 1958	63,413.17	
	<hr/>	150,440.52
Deficits due to abatements in excess of overlay		202.28
Purchase of tank truck in emergency 1957		1,700.00
State taxes		1,878.29
County tax and underestimates of 1957		15,881.00
Tuberculosis Hospital Assessment		7,290.85
Overlay		14,407.04
Amount to be raised	<hr/>	\$647,218.83

Estimated Receipts

Income tax	\$45,828.36
Corporation Taxes	31,916.00
Old Age Tax (Meals)	1,078.49
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise	42,644.77
Licenses	2,661.08
Fines	133.20
General Government	29.70
Health & Sanitation	48.00
Charities	3,981.91
Old Age Assistance	20,606.19
Veterans' Services	2,332.59
Schools	52,437.82

State Assistance for		
School Construction	11,792.02	
Farm Animal Excise	207.65	
Overestimates of 1957	62.28	
Transferred from available funds	150,440.52	
Total Estimated Receipts	<u>150,440.52</u>	\$366,200.58
Net Amount to be raised by taxes		<u>\$281,018.25</u>

Number of Polls—1067		
Taxes assessed		
on Polls	\$2,134.00	
Value of Personal		
Property	\$537,250.50	
Taxes assessed		
on Personal	31,697.79	
Value of Real Estate	4,189,592.00	
Taxes assessed		
on Real Estate	<u>247,186.46</u>	
Total Valuation	<u>4,726,842.50</u>	
and Taxes		\$281,018.25

Tax Rate—\$59.00 per M

Total number of real and personal assessments	1,119
Number of acres of land assessed	12,795
Number of dwelling houses assessed	898
Number of businesses assessed	44
Value of exempt property	\$1,972,183.00
Stock in trade	\$59,125.00
Machinery	\$28,400.00
Live Stock	\$4,966.25
All Other Tangible Personal Property	\$444,759.00
Value of land	\$676,130.00
Value of buildings	\$3,513,462.00
Number of horses	8
Number of cattle	261
Number of swine	46
Number of sheep	33
Number of fowl	9,063
Taxes assessed on motor vehicles and trailers	\$40,257.88

North Dighton Fire District

Appropriations	\$18,096.00	
Transferred from available funds	400.00	
Overlay	481.58	
Amount to be raised		18,977.58
Estimated receipts	11,018.00	
Transferred from available funds	400.00	\$11,418.00
Net amount to be raised		<u>\$7,559.58</u>
Value of Personal		
Property	\$ 28,175.00	
Taxes on personal	140.88	
Value of Real Estate	1,483,727.00	
Taxes on Real Estate	7,418.70	
Total Valuation	<u> </u>	
and taxes	\$1,511,902.00	\$7,559.58
Water Liens added to taxes		135.19

Tax Rate—\$5.00 per M

Dighton Electric Light District

Appropriations	\$3,697.50	
Overlay	124.45	
Amount to be raised	<u> </u>	\$3,821.95
Estimated Receipts	None	
Net amount to be raised		<u>\$3,821.95</u>
Value of Personal		
Property	\$313,206.00	
Taxes on personal	657.76	
Value of Real Estate	1,506,500.00	
Taxes on Real Estate	3,164.19	
Total Valuation	<u> </u>	
and taxes	\$1,819,706.00	\$3,821.95

Tax Rate—\$2.10 per M

Dighton Water District

Appropriations	\$39,706.17	
Transferred from available funds	10,805.06	
Overlay	967.93	
Amount to be raised		\$51,479.16
Estimated Receipts	20,744.49	
Transferred from available funds	10,805.06	\$31,549.55
Net amount to be raised		\$19,929.61
Value of Personal		
Property	\$320,681.00	
Taxes on personal	3,206.81	
Value of Real Estate	1,672,280.00	
Taxes on Real Estate	16,722.80	
Total Valuation		
and taxes	\$1,992,961.00	\$19,929.61
Water Liens added to taxes		117.88

Tax Rate—\$10.00 per M

Respectfully submitted,

HAROLD MENDOZA
HOWELL S. CARR
RAYMOND A. HORTON

TAX COLLECTOR'S REPORT

ANNUAL REPORT

	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
Personal Property					
Outstanding December 31, 1957	\$55.35	\$57.84	\$191.40	\$328.28	31,697.79
Commitment					
Added Interest	6.20	2.16	7.15	5.38	
Total	61.55	60.00	198.55	333.66	31,697.79
Paid Treasurer					
Abatements	61.55	55.20	169.15	242.44	31,246.80
Balance due December 31, 1958			29.40	91.22	450.99
Total	61.55	60.00	198.55	333.66	31,697.79
Real Estate					
Outstanding December 31, 1957			\$2,039.68	\$30,677.43	\$247,257.26
Commitment					164.90
Added Interest			108.97	645.76	254.00
Refunded abatements				27.00	
Total			\$2,148.65	\$31,350.19	\$247,776.16
Paid Treasurer			2,021.93	29,126.82	231,489.78
Abatements			114.72	27.00	5,273.13

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	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
Tax Title Account					
Balance due December 31, 1958			12.00	13.50	202.38
				2,182.87	10,810.87
Total			<u>\$2,148.65</u>	<u>\$31,350.19</u>	<u>\$247,776.16</u>
Poll Taxes					
Outstanding December 31, 1957				26.00	
Commitment					2,134.00
Added Interest				.15	.25
Refunded				2.00	
Total				<u>28.15</u>	<u>2,134.25</u>
Paid Treasurer					
Abatements				6.15	1,796.25
Balance due December 31, 1958				10.00	308.00
				12.00	30.00
Total				<u>28.15</u>	<u>2,134.25</u>
Farm Animal Excise					
Outstanding December 31, 1957				17.31	
Commitment					207.65
Added Interest				.40	.06
Total				<u>17.71</u>	<u>207.71</u>

	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
Paid Treasurer				17.71	182.96
Balance due December 31, 1958					24.75
Total				17.71	207.71
Motor Vehicle Excise					
Outstanding December 31, 1957			642.45	6,054.31	
Commitment				3,144.50	39,990.89
Added Interest			14.60	52.05	
Refunded abatements				169.42	659.61
Total			657.05	9,420.28	40,650.50
Paid Treasurer			325.47	8,032.73	33,527.26
Abatements			192.24	474.58	2,210.62
Balance due December 31, 1958			139.34	912.97	4,912.62
Total			657.05	9,420.28	40,650.50
Dighton Electric Light District Personal					
Outstanding December 31, 1957			7.46	5.98	
Commitment					657.76
Added Interest			.17	.06	
Total			7.63	6.04	657.76

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	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
Paid Treasurer					
Balance due December 31, 1958			5.35	3.03	653.47
			2.28	3.01	4.29
Total			<u>7.63</u>	<u>6.04</u>	<u>657.76</u>
Real Estate					
Outstanding December 31, 1957			29.77	136.03	
Commitment					3,164.82
Added Interest			1.56	2.43	.22
Total			<u>31.33</u>	<u>138.46</u>	<u>3,165.04</u>
Paid Treasurer			30.88	106.76	3,014.00
Abatements			.45		
Tax Title Account					1.26
Balance due December 31, 1958				31.70	149.78
Total			<u>31.33</u>	<u>138.46</u>	<u>3,165.04</u>
Dighton Water District					
Personal					
Outstanding December 31, 1957		13.69	43.87	46.01	
Commitment					3,206.81
Added Interest		.55	1.28	.41	
Total		<u>14.24</u>	<u>45.15</u>	<u>46.42</u>	<u>3,206.81</u>

	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
Paid Treasurer					
Balance due December 31, 1958		14.24	34.01	28.90	3,176.87
			11.14	17.52	29.94
Total		<u>14.24</u>	<u>45.15</u>	<u>46.42</u>	<u>3,206.81</u>

Real Estate					
Outstanding December 31, 1957			214.50	1,003.91	
Commitment					16,725.80
Added Interest			13.95	17.41	.95
Total			<u>228.45</u>	<u>1,021.32</u>	<u>16,725.75</u>
Paid Treasurer			226.25	778.58	
Abatements			2.20		
Tax Title Account					6.00
Balance due December 31, 1958				242.74	931.95
Total			<u>228.45</u>	<u>1,021.32</u>	<u>16,725.75</u>

Water Lien					
Outstanding December 31, 1957				825.27	
Commitment					117.88
Total				<u>825.27</u>	<u>117.88</u>

Paid Treasurer Balance due December 31, 1958 Total	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
				825.27	80.26
				<u>825.27</u>	37.62
					<u>117.88</u>
North Dighton Fire District Personal Outstanding December 31, 1957 Commitment Total				10.50	140.88
				<u>10.50</u>	<u>140.88</u>
Paid Treasurer Balance due December 31, 1958 Total				10.50	130.38
				<u>10.50</u>	10.50
					<u>140.88</u>
Real Estate Outstanding December 31, 1957 Commitment Added Interest Total			60.36	287.25	7,418.70
			<u>3.93</u>	4.57	.22
			64.29	<u>291.82</u>	<u>7,418.92</u>

	1954	1955	1956	1957	1958
Paid Treasurer					
Balance due December 31, 1958			64.29	230.82	7,119.92
				61.00	299.00
Total			64.29	291.82	7,418.92

Water Lien					
Outstanding December 31, 1957				88.54	135.19
Commitment					
Added Interest				2.65	
Total				91.19	135.19

Paid Treasurer					
Balance due December 31, 1958				91.19	135.19
Total				91.19	135.19

Respectfully submitted,
PERCY B. SIMMONS,
Tax Collector

REPORT OF SUPERINTENDENT OF STREETS

To the Board of Selectmen:

I hereby submit my annual report as Superintendent of Streets:

Street Dept.

Superintendent of Street	\$ 240.00
Beacons	162.17
Snow Plowing & Sanding	3,163.78
Spring St. Resurfacing	6,427.85
Various Streets, Miscellaneous	7,540.82
	<hr/> \$17,534.62

Road Machinery Acct.

Equipment, Gas, Oil, Miscellaneous	\$3,179.94
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Chapter 90—Dighton-Berkley Bridge

Intrusion Prepakt Inc.	\$5,520.90
Advertising	33.33
	<hr/> \$5,554.23

Chapter 90—Spring St. Bridge & Approaches

Final Payment	\$12,839.66
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Chapter 90—Elm St.

Labor	\$295.00
Advertising	3.96
	<hr/> \$298.96

Chapter 90—Williams St.

Ralph Vickery Constr. Co.	\$2,531.96
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Chapter 90—Maintenance

Main St.	\$2,623.69
Williams St.	2,475.83
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	\$5,099.52

Gravel Roads

Brook St.	\$163.60
School St.	1,927.00
Smith St.	12,164.22
Wheeler St.	123.20
Main St.	398.44
Transfer to Street Dept.	2,173.49
Various Sts., Miscellaneous	2,668.03
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	\$19,617.98

Chapter 81

Freight	\$54.54
Baylies St.	272.60
Brook St.	3,096.99
Cedar St.	12.00
Center St.	399.28
Chase St.	207.27
Cobbs Lane	44.00
Elm St.	1,085.31
Forest St.	31.96
Hart St.	615.45
Horton St.	482.10
Main St.	777.05
Maple St.	26.00
Middle St.	211.60
Oak St.	343.09
Pleasant St.	168.28
Prospect St.	117.20
Smith St.	5,662.75
Spring St.	658.64
Summer St.	96.40
Tremont St.	179.16
Wellington St.	700.78

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Wheeler St.	89.30
Williams St.	371.31
Muddy Cove	119.06
Pearl St.	219.30
Water St.	83.20
Bedford St.	125.00
Millers Lane	69.20
Lewis St.	40.50
Briggs St.	91.60
Pine St.	2,157.12
Milk St.	632.20
School St.	128.07
Forest St.	31.96
Lincoln Ave.	177.84
Walker St.	81.10
Somerset Ave.	127.20
Andrews St.	38.20
Transfer to Street Dept.	1,000.00
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	\$20,824.61

Respectfully submitted,

HENRY P. GOFF,

Superintendent of Streets

TREASURER'S REPORT 1958

Balance in Treasury, December 31, 1957	\$152,269.65
Total Receipts in 1958	703,377.77
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	855,647.42
Selectmen's Warrants in 1958	685,343.96
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Balance in Treasury, December 31, 1958	\$170,303.46

See auditor's report for detailed list of receipts and expenditures.

Respectfully submitted,

PERCY B. SIMMONS,

Town Treasurer

REPORT OF DIGHTON FIRE DEPARTMENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the report for the Dighton Fire Department for the year ending December 31, 1958.

The department received fifty-six calls as follows: automobile (5), brush (13), building (3), chimney (3), dump (3), false alarms (2), freight car (1), grass (7), gas leak report (1), house defective wiring (1), incinerator (2), leaves in street (2), oil burner (1), rubbish (3), transformer (2), television set (1), woods (4), mutual aid to Taunton Fire Department (1), mutual aid to Rehoboth Fire Department (1).

The following are approximate figures on the amount of material and equipment used: 23,600 gallons of water, 5,250 feet booster hose, 9,300 feet forestry hose, 1,800 feet 1½" hose, 600 feet 2½" hose, and 30 feet ladders.

The following permits were issued: bottled gas (17), oil burners (23).

A standby was maintained at both stations during the period when some of the lines were down because of the severe storm in March. On two occasions, one in November and one in December, Engine #2 and the Tank Truck were used to assist in locating a leak in the new water system extension on Center and Williams Street.

The Dighton High School and the Dighton Elementary School were inspected by the Fire Chief in company with State Fire Inspector, Charles Fried and Superintendent Robert T. Roy; certain recommendations were necessary where inadequate fire protection existed.

I wish to thank the Town Officials and the Citizens of our town for the assistance and cooperation they have shown in keeping the fire losses to a minimum during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY F. WILLIS,
Chief, Dighton Fire Dept. and
Forest Warden

REPORT OF DIGHTON AMBULANCE

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit the report for the Dighton Ambulance for the year ending December 31, 1958.

During the year the ambulance made 67 trips as follows: To—Truesdale Hospital, Fall River (5); Union Hospital, Fall River (1); General Hospital, Fall River (1); Morton Hospital, Taunton (24); Rhode Island Hospital, Providence, R. I. (1); Mass. Eye and Ear Hospital, Boston (1); Pondville Hospital (2); Veterans' Hospital, Providence, R. I. (1); Rest and Nursing Homes (11); Lakeville Sanatorium (1); Calls for Oxygen (5). From—Morton Hospital, Taunton (7); Winthrop Hospital, Winthrop (1); Calls not needed (6).

There were sixty-four patients handled, four automobile accidents requiring use of the ambulance, the resuscitator was used once, and two persons were dead on arrival.

I wish to thank the officers and members of the Dighton Fire Department who have manned the ambulance during the year.

Respectfully submitted,

HARRY F. WILLIS,
Chief, Dighton Fire Department

POLICE DEPARTMENT REPORT

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my annual report for the year 1958.

During the year 349 complaints were received and investigated, 380 requests were received and taken care of, 35 summons were served, two persons were taken to the State Hospital, three missing persons were located, three stolen autos were recovered and the following arrests were made by the Dighton Police Department: assault and battery (6), assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon (3), carrying switchblade on person (1), larceny (4), driving to endanger (2), disturbing the peace (1), drunkenness (10), lewdness (2), bad check (1), non-support (5), idle and disorderly (1), vagrant (1), arson (3), violation of probation (1), speeding (1), operating unregistered and uninsured vehicle (1), failing to display plates (1), vandalism of property (restitution made) (5).

Arrests made by the State Police in Dighton during the year were: drunkenness (11), delinquents using motor vehicles without authority (6), assault and battery (2), breaking and entering and larceny at night (4), delinquents breaking and entering and larceny at night (3), delinquent (escapee) (1), speeding (14), delinquent assault and battery with a dangerous weapon—rifle (1), assault and battery by means of a dangerous weapon—ice pick (1), delinquent operating without a license (2), delinquent breaking and entering at night (2), delinquent larceny under \$100 (2), delinquent fornication (1), using motor vehicle without authority (1), contributing to delinquency of minor (2), breaking and entering at night (1), larceny under \$100 (1), fornication (2), operating unregistered motor vehicle (5), disturbing the peace (1), operating under influence (3), operating to en-

danger (4), operating after right suspended (2), operating without license in possession (2), lewd and lascivious in speech and behavior (1), attaching plates (2), vagrancy (1), operating without license (3), carrying switchblade on person (1), operating uninsured motor vehicle (3), passing view obstructed (2), operating without registration in possession (1), and failing to display plates (1). Also, the State Police found one mental escapee, and took care of two insane persons.

The Reserve Police Officers and also the Special Police Officers, who were assigned to the Taunton Dog Track and the Rehoboth Fair, performed their various assignments in a very proper and efficient manner.

I wish to thank the State Police of the Rehoboth Barracks, under Sgt. Steven Matowitz, and Mr. Leonard and Inspector Milton Bednarz of the Registry of Motor Vehicles, for their assistance and cooperation.

To the citizens and all agencies of the Town of Dighton, I extend my thanks for the cooperation they have given throughout the year.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. MASON,
Chief of Police

DOGS LICENSED IN 1958

Males	274
Females	32
Spayed	104
Kennels	8

REPORT OF CIVILIAN DEFENSE DIRECTOR

To the Townspeople of Dighton:

Since August, the Civil Defense program has been re-organized, increasing its membership to seventy-five persons, including auxiliary police, auxiliary firemen, two licensed radio operators and one skin diver.

The air raid siren at the Dighton High School has been put in working order. With the assistance of the school and town officials, the children at the High School, Elementary School and the Bristol County Agricultural School have been given training in air raid drills. Mr. Fain of the Dighton Industries has allowed us to use the old Mt. Hope whistle as an air raid whistle.

Civil Defense has set up a communication radio plan with two licensed operators with Mr. Emery Lincoln as radio officer and Mr. Allison Macomber as alternate. We are in the process of setting up a radio communication system.

Civil Defense now has a rate of 95% which entitles the Town of Dighton to purchase surplus property under Matching Funds from the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.

My sincere appreciation to all the townspeople who are trying with me to make Civil Defense a success. I wish to thank the town officials, police department, fire department, the principals, and the teachers of the schools for their cooperation and support; also, the pupils who help me a great deal in Civil Defense work.

Respectfully submitted,

FRED E. REBELLO,
Civil Defense Director

PUBLIC LIBRARY REPORT

To the Selectmen of the Town of Dighton:

I herewith submit my report for the year 1958.

Total circulation of books and magazines	15,621
Adult books	8,979
Juvenile books	6,140
Magazines	502
Number of persons using the reading room	709
Collected in fines	\$53.24

Two hundred fifty-two books were added during the year, eleven being gifts.

Respectfully submitted,

EMILY C. PILLING,
Librarian

REPORT OF THE HARBOR MASTER

To the Board of Selectmen:

The harbor is a very active place now in the summer season, with the mooring sites being used at its approximate maximum.

I would like to report that places in the channel leading to out harbor, the edges of the channel, and other locations in the harbor are shoaling to a point where dredging may be necessary to maintain the channel depth.

Respectfully submitted,

ARNOLD B. SHAW,
Harbor Master

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF ANIMALS

To the Board of Selectmen:

The report of the Inspector of Animals for the year 1958 is as follows:

I visited and inspected 55 barns and found the following number of animals:

Cows	294
Heifers	89
Bulls	6
Horses	17
Sheep	87
Swine	55
Steers	4
Goats	2

The animals appeared healthy and the barns for the most part were clean. The inspection book was mailed to the Division of Livestock Disease Control, 41 Tremont Street, Boston, on December 17, 1958.

Respectfully submitted,
ANTHONY N. SYLVIA,
Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF INSPECTOR OF SLAUGHTERING

To the Board of Selectmen:

On April 15, 1958, I was notified of my appointment and approval by Dr. Samuel B. Kirkwood, Commissioner of Public Health, as inspector of slaughtering for the Town of Dighton for the year ending March 31, 1959.

A report has been mailed to the Department of Public Health, Boston, Mass. monthly. I have not been called upon for any inspections.

Respectfully submitted,
ANTHONY N. SYLVIA,
Inspector of Animals

REPORT OF TOWN HISTORIAN

To the Townspeople of Dighton:

In the past year two events of historical interest have occurred in Dighton. One was the signing of the deed that gave the town ownership of a small portion of "The Old Field" surrounding the Council Oak. Anyone who doubts the significance of this old oak should read an article recently published by Reader's Digest called "Keys to Nature's Private World". In this article, John George, a distinguished naturalist, describes two similar oaks growing in a like field. He writes that a white oak on such a site grows one foot in a century. Our tree trunk, sixteen feet in circumference, must have a five foot diameter, therefore, the tree is five hundred years old.

Heavy limbs, beginning near the earth, and growing almost horizontally, show that this tree always stood in an open space. In the year 1458, such an opening would have been burned over, cleared, fertilized, and cultivated by Indians of the local tribe. These facts, as well as countless Indian tools and weapons found in the immediate area, confirm legends handed down by early settlers.

Another event was the opening ceremony of the celebration of Dighton's 250th birthday. The First Congregational Society of Dighton, often called the "Brick Church" celebrated the 250 years since it was organized.

It was the forming of this Society in 1708 that led to the request to the General Court of the Massachusetts Bay Colony that the South Purchase of Taunton become a precinct of Taunton, and, before this request could be granted, to a second request that it might be a separate township, which was later called Dighton. The General Court required proof that a church society had been formed, and that a meeting

house was in process of construction before allowing a township to be formed.

The ceremonies carried on by the First Congregational Society were worthy of the importance of the occasion. Those at the site of the first meeting house had great charm. Parishioners in quaint costumes conducted a service. The history of the first meeting house was read. It was fitting that the selectmen at this time placed a marker near the site of the meeting house.

This year, material of great interest has been made available to me. A report of all vessels registered at the offices of the Collectors of Customs, first at Dighton from 1789 to April 1, 1833, and then at Fall River to the date of printing the report—1938, was loaned to me. In it are brief descriptions of the fifty five ships hailing from Dighton and the thirty nine ships actually built at our wharves. Also listed are their masters, owners, and sometimes their surveyors and builders.

The largest number of vessels—mostly brigs that year, sloops before that, and schooners later on—was built in the year 1805.

I was able to borrow a copy of the "Story of the Mill at the Mt. Hope Privilege in North Dighton" printed in 1825. This has added greatly to my notes on the north section of the Town.

Have **you** such a pamphlet, or even an old program or an account book that I may borrow? Or have you information about the first Portuguese family that settled in Dighton, or about Dighton shipping before 1789?

These I would welcome.

Respectfully submitted,
HELEN H. LANE,
Town Historian

REPORT OF THE PLAYGROUND COMMISSIONERS

To the Citizens of Dighton:

During the year 1958 your playground commissioners have:

1. Installed merry-go-rounds at both the north and the south ends of town.

2. The basketball area in the south end playground was paved.

3. A supervised playground was maintained in both the south and north ends during the summer months.

4. Sliding on School Street in the north end proved to be a very satisfactory and enjoyable arrangement for the children. We are now studying the possibilities of enlarging on this type of recreation.

5. We thank the Arnold Hoffman Co. for the use of their reservoir for skating. Skating is not permitted there unless first tested for safety. A light was installed to allow the skating to be enjoyed at night, also.

6. The wooden fence at the south end playground had to be replaced. A chain link fence was installed.

7. Equipment on hand was repaired and repainted.

8. Picnic benches were placed at both ends of town.

9. The little league field at the north end was seeded.

The year 1959 should see the completion of this particular project.

The playground commissioners wish to thank the Dighton Lions Club for the kind and generous assistance they so willingly gave this project. Their energetic work has saved the town several thousand dollars.

We would like to take this opportunity to thank the supervisors who did an excellent job supervising the children during the summer months.

Respectfully submitted,

R. F. SIMMONS, Chairman
EDWARD ANTUNES
NORMAN COURCY

REPORT OF THE PLANNING BOARD

The Dighton Planning Board examined all plans referred to it during the past year. These plans were signed by a majority of the Board and returned to the interested parties.

We were sorry to lose by death two of our active members: Mr. Manuel Motta, and Mr. Lester Briggs. The Selectmen appointed Mr. Anthony McCormack and Mr. Edwin Wyeth to replace them until the next annual town election.

Respectfully submitted,

ERNEST H. ATWOOD, Chairman
RICHARD BABBITT
ANTHONY McCORMACK
JUNE B. HAMBLY
EDWIN R. WYETH

REPORT OF DOG OFFICER

To the Board of Selectmen:

Numerous complaints of dogs were reported during 1958. Dogs that had been killed on highways and lost or stray dogs were taken care of in the proper manner.

Reports of dogs that had bitten people and killed livestock were investigated and taken care of satisfactorily.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. MASON,
Dog Officer

REPORT OF SEALER OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

I hereby submit my report for the year ending December 31, 1958.

I have tested and adjusted and sealed the following:

23 scales—11 adjusted

2 weights

5 capacity measures

16 automatic measuring devices—5 adjusted

1 bulk storage plant.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD B. HATHAWAY,
Sealer of Weights and Measures

REPORT OF VETERANS' AGENT

To the Board of Selectmen:

Gentlemen:

Veterans' Benefits aided 13 cases during the year, consisting of 2 single cases under World War I; 9 cases, representing 33 persons under World War II; and 2 cases representing 4 persons under Korean War.

Total expenditures for aid rendered amounted to \$5,325.-13. Administrative expenses was \$315.00, making total payments \$5,640.00. Town appropriation of \$4,500.00 was overdrawn by \$1,140.13, due to the fact that 5 new cases were added.

State reimbursements were received in the amount of \$1,940.67.

Respectfully submitted,
THEODORE BOUCHER,
Veterans' Agent

REPORT OF THE SHADE TREE COMMITTEE

To the Board of Selectmen:

Sixty Norway maples were set in the town in 1958. The placement of these trees was left to the tree warden. The average trunk diameter of these trees was two and one half inches. All trees were alive this fall. Trees set in 1957 made a good growth.

The committee recommends that all trees set should be fertilized at least once during the growing season. The committee also recommends that pin oaks be set on the high land and along the streets in the newly developed areas of the town.

DAVID A. MILLARD, Chairman

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH

To the Taxpayers and Citizens of Dighton:

The total expense of the Board of Health for 1958 in providing health and sanitation service was \$3,859.73 leaving a balance of \$240.27 from the appropriation of \$4,100.00.

Fortunately there were no serious epidemics of diseases during the past year. Our annual immunization and Pre-school Clinics play a major part in the prevention of diseases.

On January 20th the Board received a petition from a group of townspeople for consideration of a new ambulance. An ambulance committee was formed consisting of Stafford H. Hambly, Civil Defense; Donald B. Hathaway and Harry F. Willis, Fire Dept.; Charles H. Mason, Police Dept.; Bella M. Boucher, Social Worker; Esther Bowden, Town Nurse; Dr. Charles M. Souza, Wendall Carey and John Perry. As a result of their recommendation the sum of \$3,900.00 was appropriated and an ambulance was purchased.

During the past year a number of inspections were made by our sanitation inspector on new installations of cesspools while the additions and alterations of present cesspools were taken care of by the Board members.

We wish to extend the thanks of the Board to Mrs. Esther Bowden and Dr. Charles M. Souza for assistance and courtesies rendered, also to our milk and sanitation inspector, Henry G. Crapo, who resigned December 31, 1958.

Respectfully submitted,

EARLE M. SMITH, Chairman,
WILLIAM F. BENEVIDES,
CLAYTON H. ATWOOD,
Board of Health

REPORT OF THE BOARD OF PUBLIC WELFARE

To the Citizens of Dighton:

The Public Welfare Department rendered financial assistance and service to a total of 78 cases, representing 127 persons during the year. With total expenditures of \$69,886.19, the financial status of accounts showed a balance in two categories, namely; Aid to Dependent Children and Disability Assistance. Due to increased caseload and expenditures, particularly for hospitalization and medical expense, under General Relief and Old Age Assistance categories, both accounts were overdrawn.

Aid to Dependent Children aided 3 cases, representing 3 parents, and 4 dependent children. Town appropriation was \$3,800.00. This account showed a substantial balance of \$1,485.33. The sum of \$1,000.00 was transferred to General Relief, and \$100.00 was transferred to General Relief Administration, leaving a net balance of \$385.33. Total receipts from U. S. Grants amounted to \$1,289.50. Total expenditures were \$3,604.17 for this category.

Disability Assistance aided 7 cases with total expenditures amounting to \$4,767.90. The town appropriation was \$2,700.00 and showed a small balance of \$7.55. U. S. Grants receipts were \$2,344.25.

Old Age Assistance aided 45 cases. The sum of \$28,500.00 was appropriated. However, an additional amount of \$2,593.78 was required to meet the needs. The substantial amount of \$9,830.63 was expended for hospitalization and medical care, which was most unusual and not anticipated, causing the account to be overdrawn. Receipts from U. S. Grants amounted to \$10,711.06. Total expenditures were \$51,053.59. The sum of \$1,135.81 is due from other cities and towns for cases having legal settlement, and is listed in our accounts receiv-

able. Outside relief amounted to \$59.01, and other bills now payable are in the amount of \$171.54.

General Relief aided 23 cases during the year, representing 71 persons. The town appropriation of \$7,000.00 was overdrawn by \$3,460.53, since total expenditures amounted to \$10,460.53. Approximately \$4,800.00 is due from other cities and towns for reimbursements in settled cases, and \$971.00 is due from the State for unsettled cases, balance is net town expense.

Assistance and courtesies rendered by the personnel of the State Department of Public Welfare, District #5, and Bureau of Accounts, is acknowledged with gratitude.

The Taunton Greyhound Association again contributed the sum of \$500.00 for a Christmas Fund. In behalf of the recipient's of this fund, and personally, we extend to Mr. Joseph Lindsey and the Greyhound Association our most sincere thanks for this generous gift.

Appreciation is expressed to town officials and personnel for the cooperation and efficient services rendered to this department.

Respectfully submitted,

WILLIAM F. BENEVIDES,

Chairman,

CLAYTON H. ATWOOD,

EARLE M. SMITH,

Board of Public Welfare

BELLA M. BOUCHER,

Social Worker

REPORT OF THE TOWN NURSE

To the Board of Health:

Gentlemen:

At the annual immunization clinics held in the spring months, one hundred and eighty four children received treatment for the protection against diphtheria, whooping cough and tetanus. At the Pre-school Clinic forty children were vaccinated against smallpox. No new cases of tuberculosis were reported.

Transportation was furnished patients to hospitals, clinics and doctors' offices.

I attended a meeting of nurses from surrounding towns who met at the Somerset Health Office with Dr. Grace Lutman, our District Health Officer. We discussed some of the less common diseases such as Psittacosis, a disease acquired from birds of the parrot family and Ornithosis, the same disease acquired from other birds including pigeons, canaries and chickens. We also discussed Equine Encephalitis, inflammation of the brain, which is transmitted by the bite of the mosquito. Dr. Lutman also told us of the latest forms for reporting and recording contagious diseases. I attended the monthly meetings of the Health and Welfare Workers Associations and the Bristol County Mental Health Association. These meetings were all held in Taunton.

In May I completed the course in disaster nursing sponsored by the Massachusetts Department of Public Health and the Massachusetts Civil Defense Agency and received a certificate.

I served as a member of the Ambulance Committee and attended all of the meetings.

I wish to express my thanks to the members of the Board of Health for their support and cooperation and also to Mrs. Marion Simmons for her help.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER BOWDEN, R. N.

REPORT OF HEALTH INSPECTOR

Board of Selectmen
Dighton, Mass.

Gentlemen:

The following is a report of the work done by me during the year 1958:

Butter fats—124, bacteria counts—149, coliforms—133.
Milk licenses issued to stores—14, to vehicles—3.
New construction inspections—14.

I have conducted follow-up investigations on all high bacteria counts.

All establishments selling or handling food in the Town of Dighton have been inspected, and in practically all the places I have inspected, my suggestions or recommendations have been carried out.

Respectfully,

HENRY G. CRAPO

AUDITOR'S REPORT

To the Citizens and Taxpayers of the Town of Dighton:

Herewith is a report of the financial transactions of the Town of Dighton for the fiscal year ending December 31, 1958.

Classification of Treasurer's Receipts for 1958

Cash Balance as of January 1, 1958	\$152,269.65
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Received from Town Collector:

1956 Motor Vehicle Excise	\$ 310.87
1957 Motor Vehicle Excise	7,980.68
1958 Motor Vehicle Excise	33,527.26
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	\$ 41,818.81

1954 Personal Property Taxes	55.35
1955 Personal Property Taxes	53.04
1956 Personal Property Taxes	162.00
1957 Personal Property Taxes	237.06
1958 Personal Property Taxes	31,246.80
1957 Poll Taxes	6.00
1958 Poll Taxes	1,796.00
1956 Real Estate Taxes	1,912.96
1957 Real Estate Taxes	28,481.06
1958 Real Estate Taxes	231,324.88
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	295,275.15

1957 Farm Excise	17.31
1958 Farm Excise	182.90
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	200.21

Tax Title Redemption	.70
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Interest on Taxes:

Real Estate	919.63	
Personal	20.89	
Motor Vehicle	66.65	
Polls	.40	
Farm Excise	.46	
	<hr/>	1,008.03

Total Collector's Receipts	338,302.90
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Commonwealth of Massachusetts:

Income Tax	8,525.00	
Meals Tax	1,508.49	
Corp. Tax	34,119.46	
School Aid—Chapter 645	11,792.02	
School Aid—Chapter 70	42,323.47	
Vocational Education	6,640.68	
School Transportation	23,811.67	
School Superintendency	2,426.62	
Tuition & Transportation	947.78	
Chapter 718	7,076.51	
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Departmental Receipts:

Town Nurse	17.00	
Sealer of Weights & Measures	32.45	
Police Dept.—Telephone Calls	.95	
	<hr/>	50.40

School Department:

Vocational Production Fund	2,145.02
Vocational Labor	14.00
Sanitary Fund	50.74
Broken Windows	4.00
Lost Tools	.90
Teachers Retirement Board	452.50

Public Library—Book Fines	60.31	
Lost Books	18.45	
	<hr/>	2,745.92
General Government:		
Sale of Ambulance	55.00	
Check Registers refund	86.92	
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Town Clerk—Dog Licenses		891.50
Departmental Revenue:		
Aid to Dependent Children—		
from State	940.05	
Disability Assistance—		
from State	1,550.84	
Disability Assistance—		
Administration—State	91.84	
Old Age Assistance—		
from State	24,390.34	
Public Welfare	7,567.33	
Board of Health	1,339.58	
Dighton-Berkley Bridge	13.60	
Pump Service	24.00	
Fire Department	180.00	
Police Department	54.00	
Veterans' Benefits—		
from State	1,940.67	
Veterans' Hall	4.00	
Forest Fire Relief	421.00	
Street Department	654.52	
School Department:		
High School Tuition	20,006.13	
Vocational Tuition	5,689.00	
Elementary Tuition	50.00	
Telephone	98.10	
	<hr/>	65,015.00

Agency Trust & Refund	76.07
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Aid to Highways Revenue:

Chapter 81—State	9,662.79
Chapter 90—Maintenance— State	1,699.97
Chapter 90—Williams St.— State	1,441.91
Chapter 90—Spring St. Bridge—State	3,476.88
Chapter 90—Maintenance— County	1,699.97
Chapter 90—Williams St.— County	720.94
Chapter 90—Spring St. Bridge—County	3,042.66

21,745.12

U. S. Grants:

A.D.C. Administration	512.22
D.A. Administration	183.68
O.A.A. Administration	1,283.59
A.D.C.	1,289.50
D.A.	2,344.25
O.A.A.	19,711.06
Smith-Hughes— George Barden Fund	683.00

26,007.30

Grants and Gifts:

Fire and Police Dept. Specials	15,574.75
Special Light Account	66.00
Christmas Fund	500.00

16,140.75

Licenses:

Advertising Costs	31.35
Alcoholic Beverages	1,000.00

Package Store	400.00	
Club	1,000.00	
Auto Dealers	55.00	
Beer & Wine (Temporary)	11.00	
Cabin	1.50	
Common Victualler	75.00	
Denatured Alcohol	8.00	
Gas Storage Permits	6.00	
Ice Cream Manufacturing	5.00	
Juke Box Licenses	26.00	
Hawkers	10.00	
Junk	10.00	
Lord's Day	45.00	
Milk	10.50	
Oleo	1.00	
Oyster Bed Privileges	75.00	
Pistol & Firearms	56.00	
Sausage Manufacturing	5.00	
Building Permits	126.00	
Alteration Permits	40.00	
Gravel Permits	29.00	
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		3,026.35

County of Bristol:

Court Fines	59.20	
County Dog Fund	670.35	
Boarding Dogs	196.00	
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		925.55

Miscellaneous:

Cemetery Perpetual Care		
Funds	551.29	
Charles S. Chase Trust Fund	30.23	
Road Machinery Fund	2,075.00	
Tailings	62.50	
Elementary School		
Cafeteria	21,176.18	
High School Cafeteria	14,166.17	
High School Athletics	928.76	

Federal Withholding Tax	35,500.05	
Mass. Teachers' Retirement	6,825.05	
County Retirement	3,547.72	
Blue Cross - Blue Shield	2,699.35	
Washington National Teachers' Insurance	361.34	
Old Age Assistance Recovery	1,053.90	
Veterans' Hall Maintenance Check Ret'd	2.75	
Special Dighton-Berkley Bridge Insurance payment	152.00	
High School Library Refund	5.00	
		<u>89,137.29</u>
Total Receipts for 1958		\$703,377.77
Total with Balance		\$855,647.42

TREASURER'S EXPENDITURES**1958****Town Office**

Salaries	\$5,680.02	
Supplies, Printing, Postage	865.54	
Advertising	50.52	
Legal Fees	37.75	
Miscellaneous	133.32	
	<hr/>	\$ 6,767.15

Selectmen

Salaries	2,000.00	
Equipment	235.00	
Printing, Stationery, Postage	164.25	
Dues, Mileage, etc.	97.92	
Telephone	121.08	
Miscellaneous	51.13	
	<hr/>	2,669.38

Assessors

Salaries	2,400.00	
Dues, lunches, etc.	69.78	
Telephone	40.00	
Mileage	150.00	
Postage, Supplies, Printing	117.70	
Binding	10.50	
Repairs to Equipment	32.05	
Clerical	103.18	
	<hr/>	2,923.21

Auditor

Salary	600.00	
Supplies, forms, etc.	18.51	
Clerical Help	10.00	
Dues, etc.	3.00	
	<hr/>	631.51

Town Clerk

Salary	700.00	
Supplies, Printing, Postage	75.02	
Telephone	64.15	
Dues & lunches	19.42	
Mileage	23.44	
	<hr/>	882.03

Town Collector

Salary	1,600.00	
Printing, postage	332.90	
Telephone	49.42	
Dues & Lunches	27.00	
Mileage	11.84	
Miscellaneous	138.34	
	<hr/>	2,159.50

Treasurer

Salary	1,200.00	
Printing, Postage, Supplies	382.29	
Telephone	49.95	
Dues & Lunches	2.00	
Mileage	53.60	
Miscellaneous	19.50	
	<hr/>	1,707.34

Election & Registration

Salaries & Wages	1,486.00	
Printing, Postage, Supplies	218.04	
Clerical, Telephone	66.49	
Mileage	10.88	
Miscellaneous	.92	
	<hr/>	1,782.33

Dog Officer

Salary	50.00	
Fees	288.00	
Advertising, Postage	13.32	
	<hr/>	351.32

Town Insurance		
Automobile	1,543.88	
Fire	3,409.77	
Bonds	586.24	
Firemen, Police Men, Accident	339.25	
Workmen's Compensation	1,830.94	
Robbery & Safe	143.59	
	<hr/>	7,853.67
Town Office Repairs		70.34
Hydrant Rental		1,740.00
Veterans' Memorial Hall Maintenance		
Heat, Light, Water	523.12	
Repairs	184.48	
	<hr/>	707.60
Special Light—Dog Track		66.00
Planning Board		
Dues	118.00	
Mileage	2.88	
Miscellaneous	95.51	
	<hr/>	216.39
Public Property		249.58
Civic Center—Maintenance		
Fuel	118.90	
Light	25.02	
Water	30.00	
Repairs	75.75	
	<hr/>	249.67
Town Finance Committee		15.00
Town Historian		59.00

Fire Department

Wages	1,501.00	
Janitors	360.00	
Deputy Chief	240.00	
Chief	240.00	
Pumping Service	9.00	
Misc. Equipment	1,688.41	
Misc.	78.19	
Hose	840.84	
Gasoline & Oil	313.98	
Generator, truck & radio repairs	1,452.04	
Water	30.00	
Fuel	790.35	
Light	324.02	
Building Repairs	705.20	
New Oil tank	98.50	
Stationery, Printing, Postage	24.78	
Telephone	953.47	
All Other	55.68	
	<hr/>	9,705.46

Police Department

Chief's Salary	4,160.00	
Officers	665.00	
Telephone	435.65	
Dues, Luncheons, etc.	61.00	
Equipment	30.87	
Repairs	398.49	
Gas & Oil	763.02	
Printing, Supplies, Postage	62.96	
All Other	173.46	
	<hr/>	6,750.45

Special Police

Standard Coil Products Co.	618.75	
Stone & Webster	46.50	
Taunton Dog Track	11,645.00	
Rehoboth Fair	795.00	
	<hr/>	13,105.25

Special Fire Department—Dog Track	2,516.00
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Board of Health

Administration Salaries	400.00	
Board and Treatment	744.00	
Medical Expense and Others	43.76	
Telephone	192.33	
Vital Statistics	184.00	
Town Nurse's Salary	1,560.00	
Nurse's Expenses	145.68	
Inspector of Animals	175.00	
Sealer of Weights	100.00	
Health Inspections	65.00	
Milk Inspector	249.96	
	<hr/>	3,859.73

Mosquito Control	250.00
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New Ambulance	3,900.00
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Town Ambulance

Drivers	182.00	
Laundry	9.66	
Gas & Oil	69.68	
Repairs	98.24	
Miscellaneous	16.35	
	<hr/>	375.93

Town Dump Account

Wages	1,872.00	
Expenses	62.60	
	<hr/>	1,934.60

Street Department

Administration Salaries	240.00
Administration Expenses	105.00
Labor	6,332.55
Gas & Oil	22.58
Stone, Gravel, Etc.	6,638.45

Equipment & Repairs	331.82	
Surveying, etc.	1,170.83	
Garage Building Expenses	183.09	
Snow and Ice Removal	2,296.05	
Street Lights and Signs	214.25	
	<hr/>	17,534.62
Dighton-Berkley Bridge		
Tender	841.00	
Power	10.99	
Miscellaneous	6.00	
	<hr/>	857.99
Sidewalk Maintenance		
Labor	364.00	
Materials	94.50	
	<hr/>	458.50
Brush Control		1,297.52
Chapter 81		
Labor	6,898.30	
Material	10,351.31	
Hired Equipment	2,575.00	
	<hr/>	19,824.61
Chapter 90—Maintenance		
Labor	649.70	
Material	3,798.52	
Hired Equipment	651.30	
	<hr/>	5,099.52
Chapter 90—Dighton-Berkley Bridge Repairs		5,554.23
Insect Pest Control		467.92
Shade Tree Account		464.20

Care of Town Elms		4,231.27
Chapter 90—Construction Williams St.		2,531.96
Chapter 90—Construction Spring St. Bridge		12,839.66
Road Machinery Account		
Gas & Oil	1,329.96	
Repairs	1,667.97	
Equipment	182.01	
	<hr/>	3,179.94
Gravel Roads		
Wages	4,164.45	
Materials	7,727.21	
Equipment	5,552.83	
	<hr/>	17,444.49
Chapter 90—Elm St. Construction		298.96
Aid to Dependent Children		
Cash	3,158.55	
Medical	445.62	
Social Worker's Salary	282.91	
Travel	150.00	
Postage, Supplies, Telephone	60.00	
Lunches, Dues, etc.	23.50	
	<hr/>	4,120.58
Disability Assistance		
Cash	3,762.40	
Medical	1,005.50	
Social Worker's Salary	102.56	
Travel	50.00	
Postage, Supplies, Telephone	50.44	
Lunches, Dues, etc.	2.00	
	<hr/>	4,972.90

Old Age Assistance

Cash	41,222.96	
Medical	9,830.63	
Administration Salaries	354.19	
Social Worker's Salary	846.70	
Postage, Supplies, Telephone	81.75	
Lunches, Dues, etc.	10.00	
Outside Relief	59.01	
	<hr/>	52,405.24

General Relief Administration

Administration Salaries	495.81	
Social Worker's Salary	2,247.67	
Postage, Supplies, Telephone	53.80	
	<hr/>	2,797.28

Veterans' Benefits

Cash	4,417.05	
Groceries	150.12	
Medical	128.87	
Administration Salary	300.00	
Board & Care	616.02	
Clothing	13.07	
Dues	15.00	
	<hr/>	5,640.13

General Relief—Public Welfare

Groceries	1,303.21	
Oil, Coal & Wood	226.01	
Board & Care	1,682.72	
Medical	1,013.53	
Cash	5,824.14	
Clothing, Rent & Misc.	410.92	
	<hr/>	10,460.53

Elementary Cafeteria

Wages	7,002.10	
Food	15,024.44	
Laundry	114.70	

Repairs & Equipment	52.42	
Supplies	23.73	
Transportation	76.43	
Miscellaneous	6.16	
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		22,299.98

High School Cafeteria

Salaries	5,252.32	
Food	9,346.90	
Laundry	124.04	
Equipment	6.57	
Repairs and Supplies	37.50	
Transportation	69.50	
Miscellaneous	4.20	
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		14,840.76

School Department

Transportation	28,079.82
Superintendent's Salary & Expenses	5,592.05
Superintendent's Clerk	2,028.00
Truant Officer	50.00
Superintendent's Office Expenses	306.14
Elementary Secretary	944.30
High School Secretary	976.96
Elementary Teachers	87,503.37
High School Teachers	79,767.70
All Other Teachers	10,873.57
Staff Expense	56.25
Household Arts	206.90
Vocational Shop	1,659.94
Elementary School Health	1,421.93
High School Health	1,330.02
High School Library	163.71
Elementary School Books	1,977.95
High School Books	1,530.67
Elementary School New Equipment	280.19
High School New Equipment	1,449.72
Elementary School Supplies	2,186.73
High School Supplies	2,330.89

Telephone	894.87
Gas—Elementary School	342.34
Gas—High School	315.69
Electricity—Elementary School	1,479.64
Electricity—High School	1,519.12
Fuel—Elementary School	2,909.00
Fuel—High School	2,590.11
Water—Elementary School	221.87
Water—High School	357.55
Tuition	277.52
Janitors' Salaries—	
Elementary School	7,456.36
Janitors' Salaries—High School	7,496.36
Janitors' Supplies—	
Elementary School	1,177.21
Janitors' Supplies—High School	672.99
Repairs—Elementary School	887.63
Repairs—High School	1,273.43
Boiler Maintenance—	
Elementary School	342.93
Boiler Maintenance—High School	9.02
Miscellaneous—Elementary School	1,047.19
Miscellaneous—High School	2,591.42

264,579.06

High School Athletics

Officials	569.00
Officers	124.00
Janitors	96.00
Equipment	1,414.57
Repairs & Cleaning	318.53
Transportation	15.64
Miscellaneous	394.23

2,931.97

Vocational Production Fund—Materials 2,122.38

Smith-Hughes Fund 230.00

Elementary School Library 465.93

High School Library		209.20
Public Library		
Librarian	620.00	
Janitor	222.50	
Books	485.20	
Periodicals	44.55	
Fuel	227.88	
Light	64.15	
Building Repairs	148.52	
Care of Grounds	2.50	
Janitors' Supplies	1.38	
Stationery and Postage	27.18	
Telephone	91.73	
	<hr/>	1,935.59
Civil Defense Account		
Repairs & Equipment	170.80	
Postage & Advertising, Etc.	71.84	
	<hr/>	242.64
Civil Defense Apparatus		
Install Electric Equipment	140.00	
Radios	730.30	
	<hr/>	870.30
Pump Service Account		18.00
Christmas Fund		500.00
Memorial Day Observance		156.50
Cemetery Perpetual Care Trust Fund		200.00
Cemetery Perpetual Care Expense Account		351.29
Tax Title Foreclosure Account		128.58
Dighton-Rehoboth Regional School District		206.25

Playgrounds & Recreation

Wages and Salaries	518.00	
Equipment	1,479.34	
Repairs	67.79	
Miscellaneous	113.09	
	<hr/>	2,178.22
1957 Bills		132.71
Special Dighton-Berkley Bridge Account		152.00
Tax Mapping Project		6,000.00
Tailing Account		28.00
Interest on School Building Loan		7,040.00
School Building Bonds		25,000.00
Real Estate Tax Refunds		383.00
Motor Vehicle and Trailer Excise Refunds		829.03
State Licenses		16.00
County and State Taxes		31,366.34
Federal Tax Withheld		35,482.55
County Retirement Withheld		3,547.72
Dog Licenses for County		891.50
Sale of Railroad Property		60.07
Massachusetts Teachers' Retirement		6,825.05
Charles S. Chase Trust Fund		30.23
Washington National Insurance		361.34
Blue Cross-Blue Shield		2,699.35

DEPARTMENTAL STATEMENT**Town Office Account:**

Appropriation	\$ 6,708.00	
From Reserve Account	59.15	
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	6,757.15	
Expenditures	6,757.15	
Balance	<hr/>	None

Selectmen:

Appropriation	2,700.00	
Expenditures	2,669.38	
Balance	<hr/>	30.62

Assessors:

Appropriation	3,000.00	
Expenditures	2,923.21	
Balance	<hr/>	76.79

Town Auditor:

Appropriation	750.00	
Expenditures	631.51	
Balance	<hr/>	118.49

Town Clerk:

Appropriation	925.00	
Expenditures	882.03	
Balance	<hr/>	42.97

Town Collector:

Appropriation	2,190.00	
Expenditures	2,159.50	
Balance	<hr/>	30.50

Town Treasurer:

Appropriation	1,710.00	
Expenditures	1,707.34	
Balance	<hr/>	2.66

Elections & Registrations:

Appropriation	1,820.00	
Expenditures	1,782.33	
Balance		37.67

Dog Officer:

Appropriation	200.00	
From Reserve Account	151.32	
	351.32	
Expenditures	351.32	
Balance		None

Town Insurance:

Appropriation	8,108.95	
Expenditures	7,853.67	
Balance		327.28

Hydrant Rental:

Appropriation	1,740.00	
Expenditures	1,740.00	
Balance		None

Vets. Memorial Hall Maintenance:

Appropriation	1,000.00	
Check Returned	2.75	
	1,002.75	
Expenditures	707.60	
Balance		295.15

Town Historian:

1/1/58 Balance	100.00	
Expenditures	59.00	
Balance		41.00

Special Light—Dog Track:

Received from Taunton Greyhound Association	66.00	
Expenditures	66.00	
Balance		None

Planning Board Account:

Appropriation	300.00	
Expenditures	216.39	
Balance		83.61

Public Property Account:

Appropriation	350.00	
Expenditures	249.58	
	100.42	100.42
Transfer to Street Dept.	100.42	
Balance		None

Civic Center Maintenance:

Appropriation	275.00	
Expenditures	249.67	
Balance		25.33

Town Finance Committee:

Appropriation	50.00	
Expenditures	15.00	
Balance		35.00

Town Mapping Project:

1/1/58 Balance	6,000.00	
Appropriation	6,000.00	
	12,000.00	
Expenditures	6,000.00	
Balance		6,000.00

1957 Unpaid Bills:

Appropriation	132.71	
Expenditures	132.71	
Balance		None

Town Office Repairs:

Appropriation	750.00	
Expenditures	70.34	
Balance		679.66

Fire Department:

Appropriation	9,842.78	
Expenditures	9,705.46	
Balance		137.32

Fire Department—Special:

Receipts Taunton Greyhound Asso.	2,516.00	
Expenditures	2,516.00	
Balance		None

Police Department:

Appropriation	6,810.00	
Expenditures	6,750.45	
Balance		59.55

Police Department—Special:

Rec'd from Standard Coil Products Corp.	618.75	
Rec'd from Taunton Greyhound Asso.	11,645.00	
Rec'd from Rehoboth Fair	795.00	
	13,058.75	
Expenditures	13,058.75	
Balance		None

Board of Health:

Appropriation	4,100.00	
Expenditures	3,859.73	
Balance		240.27

Mosquito Control:

Appropriation	250.00	
Expenditures	250.00	
Balance		None

Town Dump Account:

Appropriation	2,000.00	
Expenditures	1,934.60	
Balance		65.40

Special Town Dump Account:

1/1/58 Balance	1,215.35	
Transferred to Street Dept.	1,215.35	
Balance		None

Town Ambulance:

Appropriation	345.00	
From Reserve Account	30.93	
	375.93	
Expenditures	375.93	
Balance		None

New Town Ambulance:

Appropriation	3,900.00	
Expenditures	3,900.00	
Balance		None

Street Department:

Appropriation	7,500.00	
Transfer from Chapter 718	3,326.51	
Transfer from Chapter 81	1,000.00	
Transfer from Gravel Roads Acct.	2,173.49	
Transfer from Other Various Accts.	1,443.88	
From Reserve Account	1,500.00	
	16,943.88	
Expenditures	17,534.62	
Debit Balance		590.74

Dighton-Berkley Bridge:

Appropriation	1,000.00	
Expenditures	857.99	
Balance		142.01

Sidewalk Maintenance:

Appropriation	500.00	
Expenditures	458.50	
	41.50	
Transfer to Street Dept.	41.50	
Balance		None

Chapter 81:

Appropriation	7,350.00	
From Surplus Revenue	13,475.00	
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	20,825.00	
To Street Dept.	1,000.00	
Expenditures	19,824.61	
Balance	<hr/>	.39

Chapter 90 Maintenance:

Appropriation	1,700.00	
From Surplus Revenue	3,400.00	
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	5,100.00	
Expenditures	5,099.52	
Balance	<hr/>	.48

Chapter 90 Dighton-Berkley Bridge Maintenance:

Appropriation	1,900.00	
From Surplus Revenue	3,800.00	
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	5,700.00	
Expenditures	5,554.23	
Balance	<hr/>	145.77

Insect Pest Control:

Appropriation	500.00	
Expenditures	467.92	
Transfer to Street Dept.	32.08	
Balance	<hr/>	None

Brush Control:

Appropriation	1,000.00	
From Reserve Account	297.52	
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	1,297.52	
Expenditures	1,297.52	
Balance	<hr/>	None

Care of Town Elms:

Appropriation	4,250.00	
Expenditures	4,231.27	
To Street Dept.	18.73	
Balance		None

Shade Tree Account:

Appropriation	500.00	
Expenditures	464.20	
To Street Dept.	35.80	
Balance		None

Road Machinery Account:

Appropriation (From Road Machinery Fund)	3,500.00	
Expenditures	3,179.94	
To Road Machinery Fund	320.06	
Balance		None

Chapter 90—New Construction:**Williams Street:**

1/1/58 Balance	7,184.03	
Expenditures	2,531.96	
Transfer to Surplus Revenue	4,652.07	
Balance		None

Gravelling Town Roads:

1/1/58 Balance	2,123.17	
From Surplus Revenue	17,500.00	
	19,623.17	
To Street Dept.	2,173.49	
Expenditures	17,444.49	
Balance		5.19

Chapter 90—Spring Street Bridge:

1/1/58 Balance	19,588.72	
Expenditures	12,839.66	
Transfer to Surplus Revenue	6,749.06	
Balance		None

Chapter 90—Elm Street:

1/1/58 Balance	6,205.90	
From Surplus Revenue	30,000.00	
From Chapter 718	3,750.00	
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	39,955.90	
Expenditures	298.96	
Balance	<hr/>	39,656.94

Aid to Dependent Children:

Appropriation	3,800.00	
To Gen. Relief Adm.	100.00	
To General Relief	1,000.00	
Expenditures	2,314.67	
Balance	<hr/>	385.33

Disability Assistance:

Appropriation	2,700.00	
Expenditures	2,692.45	
Balance	<hr/>	7.55

Old Age Assistance:

Appropriation	28,500.00	
Expenditures	31,093.78	
Debit Balance	<hr/>	2,593.78

General Relief Administration:

Appropriation	2,700.00	
From A.D.C.	100.00	
Expenditures	2,797.28	
Balance	<hr/>	2.72

Veterans' Benefits:

Appropriation	4,500.00	
Expenditures	5,640.13	
Debit Balance	<hr/>	1,140.13

General Relief:

Appropriation	7,000.00	
From Reserve Account	2,500.00	
From A.D.C.	1,000.00	
Expenditures	10,460.53	
Balance		39.47

School Department:

Appropriation	266,400.00	
Expenditures	264,579.06	
Balance		1,820.94

Elementary School Cafeteria:

1/1/58 Balance	1,716.08	
Receipts	21,176.18	
	22,892.26	
Expenditures	22,299.98	
Balance		592.28

High School Cafeteria:

1/1/58 Balance	1,297.59	
Receipts	14,166.17	
	15,463.76	
Expenditures	14,840.76	
Balance		623.00

High School Athletics:

1/1/58 Balance	87.77	
Appropriation	2,000.00	
Receipts	928.76	
	3,016.53	
Expenditures	2,931.97	
Balance		84.56

Vocational School Production Fund:

Appropriation	2,200.00	
Expenditures	2,122.38	
Balance		77.62

Public Library:

Appropriation	1,936.00	
Expenditures	1,935.59	
Balance		.41

Elementary School Library:

1/1/58 Balance	686.55	
Expenditures	465.93	
Balance		220.62

High School Library:

From County Dog Tax Refund	602.35	
Check Returned	5.00	
	607.35	
Expenditures	209.20	
Balance		398.15

County Retirement Fund:

1/1/58 Balance	355.41	
Receipts	3,547.72	
Expenditures	3,903.13	
Balance		None

Federal Withholding Tax:

1/1/58 Balance	3,679.02	
Receipts	35,500.05	
Expenditures	39,179.07	
Balance		None

Civil Defense Account:

1/1/58 Balance	412.00	
Expenditures	242.64	
Balance		169.36

Civil Defense Equipment & Apparatus Acct.:

1/1/58 Balance	1,148.90	
Expenditures	870.30	
Balance		278.60

Reserve Account Appropriated:

From Overlay Surplus	5,000.00	
To Various Accounts	4,745.17	
To Overlay Surplus	254.83	
Balance		None

Memorial Day Observance:

Appropriation	175.00	
Expenditures	156.50	
Balance		18.50

Tax Title Foreclosure Account:

Appropriation	400.00	
Expenditures	128.58	
Balance		271.42

Contributory County Retirement:

Appropriation	4,491.06	
Expenditures	4,491.06	
Balance		None

Agency, Trust & Refunds:

Received 1958	76.07	
Expenditures	76.07	
Balance		None

Playgrounds & Recreation:

Appropriation	2,210.00	
Expenditures	2,178.22	
Balance		31.78

Tax Possession Titles Account:

Appropriation	300.00	
Expenditures	None	
Balance		300.00

**Dighton-Rehoboth Regional District:
School Committee:**

Appropriation (from Reserve Acct.)	206.25	
Expenditures	206.25	
Balance		None

Interest on School Bonds:

Appropriation	7,040.00	
Expenditures	7,040.00	
Balance		None

Elementary School Bonds:

Appropriation	25,000.00	
Expenditures	25,000.00	
Balance		None

Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds:

Received during 1958	351.29	
Two new Bequests	200.00	
	551.29	
Expenditures	551.29	
Balance		None

Charles S. Chase Trust Fund:

Received during 1958	30.23	
Expenditures	30.23	
Balance		None

Dog Licenses:

Received during 1958	891.50	
Paid to County	891.50	
Balance		None

U. S. Grant—Smith-Hughes, George Barden Funds:

1/1/58 Balance	239.14	
Received during 1958	683.00	
	922.14	
Expenditures	230.00	
Balance		692.14

Christmas Fund:

Taunton Greyhound Assoc.	500.00	
Expenditures	500.00	
Balance	<hr/>	None

Total Appropriation Balances

Transferred to 1958 Revenue	4,286.77
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Excess of Estimated Receipts

over Assessors Estimates	29,562.72
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Surplus 1958 Revenue Transferred to

Excess & Deficiency for 1958	\$33,849.49
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I certify, to the best of my knowledge and belief, that the reports contained herein are correct. The Cash Balances of all officers intrusted with the receipt, custody or expenditures of money have been verified and all such books and accounts are in order. The Tax Collector's report as published is correct. All payments to the Treasurer have been properly warranted and all receipts have been recorded. Cash and Securities of the Trust Funds have been verified, all income accounted for, and all payments warranted.

Respectfully submitted,

STAFFORD H. HAMBLY,
Town Auditor.

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General Account		LIABILITIES AND RESERVES	
ASSETS			
Cash		Petty Cash Advance Reserve	\$ 16.00
Petty Cash Advance—School Cafeteria		U. S. Grants:	
Accounts Receivable:		Disability Assistance	\$ 297.78
Taxes:		Smith-Hughes—	
1956 Motor Vehicle	\$ 139.34	George Barden Funds	692.14
1957 Motor Vehicle	912.97	State Taxes and Assessments	20.51
1958 Motor Vehicle	4,912.62	Tailings	207.00
		Road Machinery Fund	2,403.69
1956 Personal Property	29.40	Old Age Assistance Recoveries	1,053.90
1957 Personal Property	91.22	Town Historian	41.00
1958 Personal Property	450.99	Special Light—Dog Track	66.00
1957 Poll Tax	12.00	Town Mapping Project	6,000.00
1958 Poll Tax	30.00	Town Office Repairs	679.66
1957 Real Estate Tax	2,182.87	Chapter 90—Elm Street	39,656.94
1958 Real Estate Tax	10,810.87	Elementary School Cafeteria	592.28
		High School Cafeteria	623.00
1958 Farm Excise		High School Athletics	84.56
Tax Possessions		Elementary School Library	220.62
Tax Title		High School Library	398.15
		Civil Defense Account	169.36
Departmental:		Civil Defense Equipment and	
Aid to Dependent Children	393.90	Apparatus Account	278.60
Old Age Assistance	696.64	Tax Title Foreclosure Account	271.42
Board of Health	96.00	Tax Possession Titles Account	300.00
			<u>54,056.61</u>

School Department	10,414.63	Reserves:	
Pump Service	3.00	Overlay Reserved for 1956 Taxes	29.40
Fire Department	22.50	Overlay Reserved for 1957 Taxes	2,286.09
Welfare Department	929.01	Overlay Reserved for 1958 Taxes	8,896.71
Street Department	68.67		<u>11,212.20</u>
Aid to Highways—State:		Reserve Fund Overlay Surplus	24,408.01
Chapter 81	6,271.43	Revenue Reserved Until Collected:	
Chapter 90—Maintenance	1,700.00	Motor Vehicle Excise	5,964.93
Chapter 90—Dighton-Berkley Bridge	1,900.00	Departmental	12,624.35
Flood Relief—		Aid to Highways	38,934.57
Spring St. Bridge	3,400.00	Farm Excise	24.75
Chapter 90—Elm St. Bridge	12,500.00	Tax Possession	468.88
Aid to Highways—County:		Tax Title	1,638.66
Chapter 90—Maintenance	1,700.00		<u>59,656.14</u>
Chapter 90—Dighton-Berkley Bridge	1,900.00	Excess and Deficiency:	
Chapter 90—Spring St. Bridge	3,313.14	Surplus Revenue	101,293.80
Chapter 90—Elm St. Bridge	6,250.00		
1959 Revenue:	<u>38,934.57</u>		
County Taxes and Assessments	1,884.96		
Bristol County T. B. Hospital	850.20		
Street Department	590.74		
Old Age Assistance	2,593.78		
Veterans' Benefits	1,140.13		
	<u>\$250,642.76</u>		<u>\$250,642.76</u>

DEBT ACCOUNTS

Net Funded Debt	
\$295,000.00	Elementary School Bonds
	\$295,000.00

TRUST ACCOUNTS

Trust Funds:		
Cash in Savings Banks		
	15,513.18	Cemetery Perpetual Care Funds
		Joshua Bliss Cemetery Fund
		Charles S. Chase Trust Fund
		9,018.51
		5,479.67
		1,015.00
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		15,513.18
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		\$561,155.94

COMPARISON OF ASSETS AND LIABILITIES FROM 1953 - 1958

ASSETS

	1958	1957	1956	1955	1954	1953
Cash Balance	\$170,303.46	\$152,269.65	\$118,542.37	\$157,827.98	\$104,603.66	\$124,621.64
Motor Excise	5,964.93	6,696.76	6,639.63	3,268.83	4,104.99	4,817.25
Pers., Poll, & Real	13,607.35	33,373.98	40,689.29	35,691.66	55,526.22	37,580.26
Departmental	12,624.35	16,665.26	8,464.66	4,725.48	13,225.20	11,160.12
Aid to Highways	38,934.57	31,871.85	34,675.12	19,192.91	12,177.16	5,642.29
To be raised	7,059.81	2,589.51	1,806.51	2,970.15	2,129.28	147.14
Misc. Assets	2,148.30	2,419.36	3,684.65	4,059.35	2,964.20	2,153.17
Total Assets	\$250,642.76	\$245,886.37	\$214,502.23	\$227,736.36	\$194,730.71	\$186,122.37

LIABILITIES AND RESERVES

Liabilities	\$ 54,072.61	\$ 57,264.51	\$ 41,488.64	\$ 38,999.22	\$ 12,442.90	\$ 17,371.15
Reserves:						
Dept. Revenue	59,656.14	57,382.23	53,464.06	31,246.57	32,471.55	23,773.33
Overlay	11,212.20	10,299.92	8,031.31	10,209.24	10,277.38	9,245.54
Overlay Surplus	24,408.01	21,228.08	16,353.49	10,731.04	6,734.04	2,667.44
E. & D.	101,293.80	99,711.63	95,164.73	136,550.29	132,804.84	133,064.91
Total Liab. & Res.	\$250,642.76	\$245,886.37	\$214,502.23	\$227,736.36	\$194,730.71	\$186,122.37
Free Cash	\$ 87,686.45	\$ 66,337.65	\$ 54,475.44	\$100,858.63	\$ 77,278.62	\$ 95,484.65

HOW THE \$ WAS SPENT IN 1958

Schools and Libraries—50.8%	
Public Assistance—13.1%	
Highways and Bridges—9.5%	
Capital Outlay—7.1%	
Bonds and Interest—5.3%	
Taxes and Assessments—5%	
General Government—3.2%	
Protection of Persons and Property—3.1%	
Insurance and Miscellaneous—1.8%	
Public Health—1.1%	

THE SOURCE OF THE \$ IN 1958

Personal, Property and Poll Taxes—50%	
School Aid and Transportation—14.7%	
Income and Corporation Taxes—7.6%	
Motor Vehicle Taxes—7%	
Charitable Revenue—6%	
Highway Revenue—5%	
School Revenue—4.5%	
Federal Grants—3.6%	
Interest, Licenses and Miscellaneous—1.6%	

ANNUAL REPORT

of the

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

of the Town of

DIGHTON

Year Ending December 31, 1958

SCHOOL COMMITTEE

	Term Expires
Francis J. Torres, Chairman 43 Summer Street, North Dighton	1959
Harry Hagopian, Secretary 150 Spring Street, North Dighton	1960
Albert R. DeSilva, Financial Secretary 87 Winter Street, North Dighton	1959
Lawrence Mendoza Elm Street, Dighton	1960
Wyman E. Hawkes Segreganset	1961
Frank Rogers 247 Lincoln Avenue, North Dighton	1961
Antone Compos 32 Elm Street, Dighton	1959

Superintendent

Robert T. Roy, B. S., Ed. M.

Residence: Somerset Avenue, Segreganset

Office: Dighton High School, Segreganset

Telephone: Dighton NO 9-4751 (Office)

Dighton NO 9-3912 (Home)

Office Hours

Monday through Friday 8:30 A.M. - 9:30 A.M. and
by appointment.

Secretary

Gladys P. Babbitt

School Physician

Charles M. Souza, M. D.

School Nurse

Esther Bowden, R. N.

Attendance Supervisor

Howell S. Carr

GENERAL INFORMATION

Entrance Age

First grade registration in September of any year will be limited to those children who are at least six years of age or who will become six years of age on or before the following January 1. There will be no exceptions made to this ruling.

Birth Certificates

Presentation of a birth certificate is required for entrance to the first grade.

Vaccination

Every child who enters school for the first time must present a certificate of vaccination or a statement from his physician that vaccination is inadvisable.

NO SCHOOL INFORMATION

Elementary School

Whenever it seems advisable to close the elementary school the notice will be broadcast over Radio Station WPEP, Taunton, and over Radio Station WSAR, Fall River.

High School

Whenever the school buses can be safely operated there will be school at Dighton High School unless unforeseen emergencies make it necessary to close. In the event of closing, the information will be specifically announced over the radio as indicated above for the elementary school.

TRANSPORTATION

The law requires that transportation be provided for pupils residing more than two miles from the school attended or more than one mile from the nearest bus stop. Many pupils living at lesser distances along established routes are transported if the seating capacity of the bus will permit. From time to time it is necessary to refuse transportation to some of those living under the required distance when our buses are filled to capacity with children living at a greater distance.

SCHOOL CALENDAR

As Approved by School Committee

1958 — 1959

DIGHTON**Dighton Elementary School**

School opens September 3, 1958

closes December 23, 1958 75 days

opens January 5, 1959

closes February 20, 1959 35 days

opens March 2, 1959

closes April 17, 1959 34 days

opens April 27, 1959

closes June 12, 1959 35 days

179 days**Dighton High School**

School opens September 3, 1958

closes December 23, 1958 75 days

opens January 5, 1959

closes February 20, 1959 35 days

opens March 2, 1959

closes April 17, 1959 34 days

opens April 27, 1959

closes June 19, 1959 40 days

184 days

Schools will close on the following days:

October 13—Columbus Day

October 31—Teachers' Convention

November 11—Veterans' Day

November 27 and 28—Thanksgiving Recess

March 27—Good Friday

Elementary School Graduation—June 3, 1959

High School Graduation—June 11, 1959

FINANCIAL STATEMENT

Appropriation		\$268,600.00
Less: Production Fund	\$2,200.00	
Dental Fund	1,200.00	3,400.00
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		\$265,200.00

Expenditures

General Control	\$ 10,791.16	
Transportation	27,981.90	
Teachers' Salaries	179,583.89	
Books	3,509.19	
Audio-Visual Aids	54.61	
Supplies	3,869.21	
Janitors' Supplies	1,830.13	
Fuel	5,508.13	
Electricity	2,998.76	
Gas	658.03	
Water	579.42	
Janitors' Salaries	15,283.22	
Miscellaneous	1,683.21	
Boiler Repairs	342.93	
Repairs	2,162.56	
Music	875.95	
Health	2,751.95	
New Equipment	1,709.91	
Library, High School	163.71	
Staff Expenses	96.83	
Tuition, Evening School	277.52	
Vocational Education:		
Household Arts	206.90	
General Shop	1,659.94	
	<hr/>	\$264,579.06
Balance—Returned to Town		620.94
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		\$265,200.00

VOCATIONAL PRODUCTION FUND

Appropriation	\$2,200.00
Expenditures	2,122.38
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Balance on Hand	\$ 77.62

DENTAL FUND

Appropriation	\$1,200.00
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Balance on Hand	\$1,200.00

ELEMENTARY DOG TAX FUND

Unexpended Balance, 1957	\$ 686.55
Expenditures, 1958	465.93
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Balance on Hand	\$ 220.62

DIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL DOG TAX FUND

Receipts, 1958	\$ 602.35
Expenditures	204.20
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Balance on Hand	\$ 398.15

NET COST TO TOWN

Expenditures, 1958	\$264,579.06
Receipts, 1958:	
Chapter 70, General State Aid	\$43,698.47
Reimbursement, Superintendent's Salary and Travel	2,426.62
Reimbursement, Vocational Education	6,640.68
Transportation	23,811.67
State Wards	947.78

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Tuition:

Berkley	20,707.55
Freetown	5,337.40
Rehoboth	417.00
Miscellaneous Tuition	583.33
Miscellaneous Receipts	172.52
Vocational Receipts	14.90
Vocational Production Fund	2,145.02
Military Service Refund (Chabaton & Spector)	452.50
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Total Receipts, 1958	\$107,355.44
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Net Cost to Town	\$157,223.62
Balance Returned to Town	\$ 1,025.89

REPORT OF THE SUPERINTENDENT OF SCHOOLS

To the Citizens of the Town of Dighton:

I herewith submit my fourth annual report as Superintendent of Schools of Dighton. Incorporated herein is the report of the Principals, the Vocational School Director, the Music Supervisors and the School Nurse. It is recommended that you read them carefully so that you may become better acquainted with our school program. The schools are your schools. Please feel free to call upon us at any time when you have questions concerning the program.

Personnel

Four of our faculty members left last June. Mrs. Jacqueline Booth moved to Maryland to be with her husband. Mr. Kenneth Sanford accepted a teaching position in Connecticut. Mr. James J. Dowd, our high school principal for the last two years, accepted a similar position in Sharon at a considerable increase in salary. Miss Nellie Mae Pierce, our vocal music teacher, accepted a position in Fall River.

Mrs. Dorothy Borjeson was hired to teach second grade at the Elementary School and Miss Clare Hanrahan, a teacher with three years experience, replaced Mr. Sanford as teacher of social studies in grades seven and eight.

Mr. Donald Morrison, a recent graduate of Boston University, replaced Miss Pierce as vocal music teacher.

Mrs. Jeanette Shaw was hired to teach general science to grades seven and eight.

After screening twenty candidates Dr. Lawrence Fitzpatrick was chosen to succeed Mr. Dowd as principal of Dighton High School.

We are still unable to find a full-time girl's physical education teacher. At present Mrs. Adele Cermak is teaching three days a week in the High School.

We had more applicants last summer for certain teaching positions than we have had for quite some time. There are still shortages in some areas. The state-wide raise in minimum salaries may help the situation by keeping teachers from going out of state.

School Population

This year we show an overall increase of about twenty-five pupils. Most of this increase is at the Elementary School. This growth is in line with the slow but steady increase in enrollment which we have experienced over the last few years.

Our room situation remains about the same as last year. The rooms are a little more crowded at the Elementary School and there is a lack of rooms at the High School to run all the classes necessary for a well-rounded program.

Now that the regional plan has gained some momentum it is hoped that the situation will be taken care of in a year or two.

Berkley will probably send grade nine to the Freetown-Lakeville Regional School next year. However, our high school enrollment will remain about the same as our entering ninth grade will be larger than it has been in recent years.

Repairs and Improvements

The roofs at both schools were repaired last summer. Further repairs will be made to the Elementary School roof this next summer. Some of the old light fixtures at the High School have been replaced by more modern fixtures. Other minor repairs were completed at both schools.

Some repairs will be made at the High School Athletic Field this summer.

In general, our schools are in good condition due to the fine work of our custodians. The members of the Area Three School Committees met at our Elementary School last Spring and all were impressed with the cleanliness of our school.

Budget

The increase in our budget for this year is the smallest in the last few years. There are two reasons for only a slight increase. First, a decrease in the amount of salaries due to a part-time girl's physical education teacher and a part-time home economics teacher. This last because of reduced number of pupils selecting home economics. Secondly, the bid for transportation submitted last year was about \$1,000. less than the previous bid. These savings have served to help reduce other increases in the budget. This plateau will probably last for only one year as the general increases in teachers salaries throughout the state will be felt in our budget in another year.

Conclusion

I want to thank the School Committee, principals and teachers for the cooperation they have given me this year. I feel that these people have worked well as a team to provide Dighton children with the best possible education.

I wish to express appreciation to the parents who assisted the schools in any way during the year. The School Department is also grateful to the P. T. A. for its support by financial aid and educational programs.

It is also gratifying to receive such excellent cooperation from the Selectmen, Police Department, Fire Department and other town officials.

In conclusion I feel that in this day of added stress on education it is only fitting that we all work together to make our educational system outstanding.

Respectfully submitted,

ROBERT T. ROY,
Superintendent of Schools

REPORT OF SCHOOL NURSE

Mr. Robert Roy
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Mr. Roy:

I submit the following report for 1958.

The annual physical examination was given to all pupils attending Dighton schools by Dr. Charles M. Souza, school physician. Pupils taking part in the athletic programs were first examined before being allowed to participate in any competitive sport.

The Massachusetts Vision Test and the Puretone Audiometer Test were given in the schools. Parents were notified of a failure to pass these screening tests.

Registration day and the pre-school clinic were combined and held on May 15th. Forty children were vaccinated against small-pox by Dr. Souza. Sixty-four children were registered to enter school in September. During the summer months several more children were registered, so the enrollment in September reached seventy-five.

The "Get Acquainted Day" was held in May and again proved to be a very successful event.

As a part of the health examination the seniors at the High School were x-rayed. This was done through the facilities of the Bristol County Health Association.

In October a dental examination was given to all elementary pupils by Mrs. Tassenari, dental hygienist from the Massachusetts Department of Public Health. Parents were notified of the result of the examination.

Again I wish to thank the entire school personnel and parents for their cooperation and assistance in this health program.

Respectfully submitted,

ESTHER BOWDEN, R. N.,
School Nurse

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF DIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL

Mr. Robert T. Roy
Superintendent of Schools
Dighton, Massachusetts

Dear Mr. Roy:

Pursuant to your request, I am submitting the following report pertaining to Dighton High School. I will preface this report by noting that our objective is to develop in each student an organization of knowledge, skills, habits, attitudes, and ideals which will be of value to him subsequent to his graduation from our school. In my opinion, education is the doing of something; it is the development and training of the minds of our students. We desire to develop the potential powers of each student and to help him to make himself all that it is possible for him to become.

1. Administrative Actions

We believe that administrative policies must be in writing, distributed to the faculty, and filed for later reference. Consequently, policies pertaining to the following subjects, have been written this year: Activity period, Air Raid Drills, Detention, Faculty Telephone Contact on "No School Days", Fire Drills, Guide for Class Advisors, Report Cards, Report Record Cards, Student Absence Slips, Accident Insurance, Dismissals, Program Cards, Registration Blanks, and Tardiness, in addition to Student Rules pertaining to School Dances and Basketball Games. We also have a policy concerning the faculty use of visual aids material. Mrs. Helena Kennedy's able assistance enabled us to accomplish the necessary work that is synonymous with the reproduction of school policies.

This year, we made provision for the recording of conduct marks on report cards, and we compile a file on each student who is referred to me by each teacher for disciplinary action. We also maintain a record of each student who is dismissed from school because of illness or parental requests. Also, we

have a roster of students who are passengers on each school bus.

The chief objective of our administrative actions is a quiet, orderly school that is conducive to effective learning and the acquisition of knowledge.

2. Syllabi

The improvement of the quality of instruction is one of my chief responsibilities. Therefore, a syllabus is being applied to each English class. Eventually, we plan to apply a syllabus to each subject in the curriculum. Such application must precede the evaluation of our school by representatives of our state department of education.

The purpose of a syllabus is to provide uniform subject matter in a particular subject throughout the entire school year. Each syllabus, of course, is geared to the needs, interests, and abilities of pupils. Also, each syllabus will include the most current subject matter. This is particularly true of science and mathematics.

Syllabi will enable a teacher to concentrate upon certain salient points during each quarter or marking period. That a syllabus will be helpful in review is a forgone conclusion. Another benefit of a syllabus is that it will facilitate the orientation of a new staff member. In addition, a syllabus will be beneficial in the case of a continuing subject, since a syllabus for French (1) will contain subject matter that a student must master if he is to do well in French (2). A syllabus for French (2) will include material that is based on a pupil's knowledge of French (1). This is true of other continuing subjects, such as Latin, typewriting, and stenography.

Syllabi will provide for natural growth and development from grade nine through and including the senior year in high school. Seniors who go on to college from our school will have a firm foundation on which to base their pursuit of higher learning.

3. Guidance Services

Testing is an important facet of our guidance program which is supervised by Mr. Francis Vitale, the Director of Guidance, who administers a standardized reading test to freshmen, the California Mental Maturity Test to juniors, and the Kuder Preference Test on an individual bases. The Stanford Binet Intelligence Test also is included in our guidance services.

Members of our faculty and Mr. Vitale analyze not only test scores but also the academic grades of our students to be certain that there is a correlation between a student's potential and his daily marks, and that each student is performing in accordance with his ability. We desire that the number of student "Underachievers" be reduced to an absolute minimum. Conversely, we hope to increase the number of "Overachievers"—those students who are functioning above their abilities, as indicated by their test results.

In addition to those tests which I noted above, Mr. Vitale conducts the National Merit Scholarship and the Scholarship Qualifying Tests. Also, many of our seniors and juniors took the College Entrance Examination Board tests this year. The results of national tests are made available to our Guidance Department; they facilitate the comparison of our students with those from other sections of the country. In this connection, I want to emphasize that two of our students compared very favorably with other students from all over the nation, as indicated by the scores which they achieved in this year's National Merit Scholarship Examination. The testing resources of the Taunton Office of the Massachusetts Division of Employment Security are available to our seniors. We appreciate the cooperation of Mr. John Sheehy, the office manager, and his excellent staff in this regard.

Local organizations provide for eleven scholarships which are awarded to our seniors at their commencement exercises. That we are grateful to the organizations concerned is a foregone conclusion. Our Guidance Department also informs our seniors concerning scholarships which are available at

local, state, and national levels by schools, colleges, hospitals, organizations, and industry.

Our Guidance Department also apprises our students of the many career opportunities which are available by inviting their attention to the sundry periodicals from colleges, industry, and governmental agencies which are on file in the Guidance office. Various speakers, furthermore, are invited to address our students. An occupational specialist from Northeastern University spoke to our students this year on the subject of occupations and professions. In addition, a representative of the Katherine Gibbs Secretarial School addressed our girls on the theme of the opportunities which exist for those who desire to pursue a secretarial career. The admissions officer of the New Bedford Technological Institute also talked to our students concerning the field of engineering. We appreciate the assistance of the officials of those universities and schools who are cooperating with us by permitting their representatives to address our students.

We plan to invite representatives of the Armed Forces to address our students on the opportunities which are available to those who plan to enter the military. A Coast Guard officer already has talked to our students this year. We are looking forward to visits to our school by men of the Army, Navy, Marines, and the Air Force. We plan to invite to our school service nurses to talk to our girls relative to nursing careers in the military.

Our Guidance Department, moreover, arranges consultations for students to assist them in resolving their scholastic, vocational, and personal problems, in addition to helping them complete various forms and applications. Space limitations affect the efficacy of this aspect of guidance service.

Relative to this year's senior class, I am pleased to report that one girl already has been accepted by the University of Massachusetts where she will be trained for a career in teaching. Upon the reopening of school after the Christmas vacation, Mr. Vitale will interview each senior toward the end of ascertaining plans subsequent to graduation from our

school. During these interviews, Mr. Vitale will accentuate career opportunities and advise those seniors who are qualified to further their education at institutions of higher learning to apply immediately at the universities, colleges, and schools of their choice. We know that competition for college entrance is keen and that space is limited. We intend, however, to do everything possible for our students to accelerate their selection of a school, a position, or a service career.

Your attention is invited to the data pertaining to the members of our graduating class of 1958.

Dighton High School

Data—Class of 1958

- I. Total number of graduates in class—including Vocational School—61.
- II. Total number of Dighton High School graduates in class—52.
- III. Number of graduates who matriculated at institutions of higher learning—19.
- IV. Percentage of graduates who are attending institutions of higher learning—36%.
- V. Number of graduates who pursued the college course of our school—17.
- VI. Number of college course graduates who are at institutions of higher learning—16.
- VII. Percentage of college course graduates who are in institutions of higher learning—94%.

Girls—Class of 1958

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|----|--------------------------------|----|
| I. | Total number in class | 37 |
| | A. Distribution | |
| | 1. Commercial Activity | 22 |
| | 2. Four year colleges | 6 |
| | a. University of Massachusetts | 2 |
| | b. Perry Kindergarten School | 2 |

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c. Bridgewater State Teachers College	1	
d. University of Rhode Island	1	
3. Industry		3
4. Nurses Training		2
5. Secretarial Schools		2
a. Bay State Academy, Boston	1	
b. Johnson and Wales, Providence	1	
6. Junior College		1
a. Colby Junior College	1	
7. At home		1

Boys—Class of 1958

I. Total number in class	15	
A. Distribution		
1. Four year colleges		7
a. New Bedford Technological Institute	2	
b. University of Massachusetts	2	
c. Bradford Durfee Institute	1	
d. Dartmouth College	1	
e. Northeastern University School of Engineering	1	
2. Military Service		3
3. Industry		2
4. Self Employed		2
5. Preparatory School		1
a. Bridgeton Academy	1	

4. Driver Education

Our school provides driver education for all juniors. Mr. Richard Dias and Mr. Robert McGuirk teach the class phase of the program, and Mr. Leo DeMarco and Mr. McGuirk give the actual driving lessons to our students.

Our seniors completed their class instruction last year; they received their behind the wheel training this past summer under the direction of Mr. DeMarco.

We believe that by providing our junior driver training, we can teach them sound and safe driving habits and develop in them those attitudes which will enable them to become considerate, courteous, and deliberate drivers before they receive their licenses. Many seniors had automobile licenses prior to their enrollment in our driver education classes.

5. Athletics

Our football team was not affiliated with the Narragansett League this year. Playing an independent schedule, our team defeated such schools as Yarmouth, Bourne, Nantucket, and Provincetown while losing to Hanover, Marshfield, and Cohasset. Our junior varsity team played schools in the area.

Our cheerleaders, majorettes, and band members were instrumental in providing the necessary color throughout the season.

Our football banquet was held in the school cafeteria on December 16, 1958. During the course of the evening's program, awards were made to the football players, cheerleaders, majorettes, and band members. We appreciate the spirit of the Boosters Club, the sponsor of the banquet.

Our girls' and boys' basketball teams will compete against Narragansett League Teams, as usual, this season.

Each athlete must meet participation requirements as expressed by the Massachusetts Secondary School Principals' Association.

We express our appreciation to our police chief, Charles H. Mason, and his officers who were on duty at our home games during the football season.

6. Cafeteria

Our cafeteria is being effectively administered, in accordance with state regulations, by Mrs. Aldea Gagner, Mrs. Annie Davis, Mrs. Fannie Lima, and Mrs. Thelma Spinney.

Furthermore, during lunch periods, our cooperative faculty is insisting on decorous student conduct and normal conversational tones.

7. Public Relations

We believe that the residents of Dighton and adjacent towns should be informed concerning what our faculty members and students are doing at Dighton High School. Therefore, we furnish articles of interest to the local press each week. We appreciate the cooperation of the press in this important aspect of our organization.

The recent appearance of our students on a television program elicited several laudatory comments. Our girls and boys compared favorably with students of larger, suburban high schools who had appeared on the same program from the perspectives of poise, appearance, manners, and deportment.

8. Expression of Appreciation

At this time, I desire to express my appreciation to our School Committee, to you, our Town Officials, our faculty, and the parents of our students for the splendid spirit of cooperation which I have noted since becoming the Principal of Dighton High School. In conclusion, I want to commend our two custodians, Mr. Howell Carr and Mr. Charles Leonard, for their sincerity and indefatigable efforts while discharging their duties. The cooperation of the Vocational Staff; that is, Mr. Charles Day, Mr. Paul Couture, and Mr. Charles O'Connell, is appreciated.

Respectfully,

Dr. Lawrence J. Fitzpatrick,
Principal

DIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL
ENROLLMENT STATISTICS

October 1, 1958

I.

Class	Dighton			Berkley			Freetown			Taunton			Total
	B	G	Total	B	G	Total	B	G	Total	B	G	Total	
Freshman	15	33	48	9	15	24	0	0	0	0	0	0	72
Sophomore	27	18	45	3	9	12	0	0	0	0	0	0	58
Junior	14	29	43	4	5	9	0	0	0	0	0	0	52
Senior	12	20	32	1	10	11	0	1	1	1	0	1	45
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	68	100	168	17	39	56	0	1	1	1	0	1	227

Total Boys—87* Total Girls—140

*One boy lives in Rehoboth.

II.

CURRICULA STATISTICS

Our pupils are pusuing the subjects of the indicated courses as follows:

Class	College	Commercial	General	Total
Freshmen	37	24	11	72
Sophomore	25	19	14	58
Junior	18	17	17	52
Senior	21	13	11	45
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	101	73	53	227

III.

Aside from physical education classes and activities, Dighton High School has the indicated number of pupils in the specified classes:

Number of Pupils	Number of Classes
1-5	1*
6-10	3**
11-15	17
16-20	11
21-25	10

26-30	1***
31-35	4****
36-40	6*****

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*—Senior Science.

**—Bookkeeping (2), Chemistry, Stenography (2).

***—Plane Geometry.

****—Biology, General Science, U. S. History, World History.

*****—Algebra (1), Civics, English (1), General Business, Latin (1), and World History.

REPORT OF THE PRINCIPAL OF DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

Mr. Robert T. Roy
Superintendent of Schools:

I herewith respectfully submit my fourth annual report as Principal of the Dighton Elementary School.

ENROLLMENT

The opening enrollment for September was 560. The highest number of students enrolled at any time during the school year was 565.

CURRICULUM

Our curriculum has improved and been expanded over the last few years. In last year's report, I projected several improvements. The following areas of the curriculum have been reevaluated:

1. Junior High school periods have been lengthened to 45 minutes.
2. Mechanical Drawing program improved, new texts and equipment provided.

This leaves several areas yet to be considered:

1. A foreign language to be presented to qualified students on a conversational level at either the third or fourth grade level.
2. A Special Class Program as recommended by the State Department of Education.
3. An Art instructor for grades one to six. The addition of a foreign language, a commercial introduction course, and an industrial arts program for all boys regardless of educational objectives.
4. A physical education program conducted by an instructor in physical education for at least one 25-30 minute period a week for students in grades one through six. This is to include both boys and girls and a definite course of study.

It is very encouraging to be able to realize that within a two year period that our projected curriculum will be in complete operation.

DIGHTON PARENT-TEACHER ASSOCIATION

Once again our annual "Kick-Off" dinner was very successful. We served dinners to over two hundred and fifty people.

The officers for the year 1958-1959:

President	John Woods, Ph.D.
Vice President	George Riley
Secretary	Mrs. Hurwitz
Treasurer	Mrs. Shaw

Membership is open to any parent or interested citizen of the community.

GUIDANCE

Our testing program has been in operation for two full years and after making careful analysis and evaluation, we are establishing norms for our building.

Mrs. Lamb has continued to offer her services to the students of the school. She has been very helpful to both the teachers and parents of the community. Many problems have been discovered and corrected by our screening program.

If you are interested in our Speech Clinic, please contact the school for further details.

EXTRA CURRICULA ACTIVITIES

Our Junior High divisions are actively participating in the Massasoit Junior High school league. Under the capable direction of Mr. Lussier and Miss Hanrahan, our boys and girls won the Fall Track Meet held at Dighton High School Field.

The nature program sponsored by Mr. Edwin Wyeth is one activity that we do not have this year. Due to his poor health he regretably had to discontinue this program for sixth graders. Mr. Wyeth is missed very much by both the students and faculty of the school.

The student council, an elected body of students, continues to serve the school. All activities are sponsored by or approved of by the student council. This is excellent training for future democratic living for our young people.

The people of this community can be proud of their school and its program. With recent scientific developments of other countries many schools through out the nation have realized their shortcomings. While lecturing this past summer at the University, I was very proud of our school and its academic program. This school is an academic institution first and foremost and we shall continue to provide the very best of instruction to the children of the community.

In line with this type of philosophy, we have on our annual Recognition Day not only recognized athletic but academic proficiency.

This type of philosophy can only be carried to its fullest through the cooperation of the school, the parent and the com-

munity. At this point may I express my personal appreciation for the fine spirit of cooperation and understanding that the parents have exhibited when calling at the school to discuss their childrens progress.

MISCELLANY

Mrs. Alfrena Bettencourt and her staff continue to serve a high quality type of dinner to our students. A recent visit by a representative of the National School Lunch Program has indicated that our faith has been well placed in our kitchen staff.

The physical plant continues to be rated as one of the 'best kept' schools in the County; thanks to Mr. Antone Costa and Mr. Alvin Silvia.

May I close by expressing my sincere appreciation to you, the School Committee and the parents for helping me to build and maintain the type of academic institution that we can be proud of.

Respectfully submitted,

F. EDWARD NICOLAS,
Principal

INSTRUMENTAL MUSIC REPORT

Mr. Robert T. Roy
Superintendent of Schools

Dear Mr. Roy:

My report as instrumental music Supervisor in the Town of Dighton is herewith respectfully submitted.

At present the instrumental music program consists of the following:

Group Instructions in the brass, woodwind and
percussion instruments.

High School Band.

Elementary School Band.

Instrumental lessons are offered to elementary school students in grades four through eight with each group receiving one forty-five minute lesson a week. At the present time most of the groups are advanced and second year students. Instruments are now being distributed to beginners and we hope to add thirty more students to the Instrumental music program by mid January.

The elementary and high school bands have combined as one unit to perform at school activities. The combined band has fifteen members from the High School and twenty-five from the elementary school.

It has performed at the High School football games, assemblies, rallies and the Christmas Concert. Individuals and groups from the band have also performed for community activities.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES H. LINCOLN,
Instrumental Music Supervisor

REPORT OF THE VOCAL MUSIC SUPERVISOR

Robert T. Roy
Superintendent of Schools

The program of classroom music being offered this year would be best termed a program of general music in that it attempts to stress all phases of musical art rather than limit itself only to the vocal area. The entire program is oriented toward providing broad and varied experiences in music for every child enrolled in the school.

In grades one through three, much emphasis has been placed on rote singing, augmented by the use of singing games and rhythm band instruments. The purpose of this approach is to initiate a process of musical growth centered around the concept of musical enjoyment rather than musical

drudgery. During the remainder of the year, the previously mentioned activities will be continued with the addition of experiences within the area of music listening. The students of grades four through eight have been engaged in a survey of the important instruments of the band and orchestra, in addition to their work with selected material in the vocal field. In the study of instrumental music, a systematic approach has been utilized whereby the various groups or families of instruments have been considered both individually and in regard to their importance within the general framework of the band, orchestra or small ensemble group. This method is being employed in order to best impart to the students the basic understandings of instrumental music necessary for success in their work with musical form and style which will be presented throughout the remainder of the year.

During the fall, the Conn Music Aptitude Test was administered to all students in grades four through eight. This test serves the twofold purpose of indicating those students who will derive the greatest benefit from specialized music training while at the same time pointing up certain areas in which a given grade or class requires special assistance.

The annual Christmas Festival was presented on December 19th. Children of the Elementary School staged The Twelve Days of Christmas; a fantasy in song and pantomime by Buttolf and Perry. The Junior High School Glee Club, composed of fifty-eight voices, accompanied a setting of the nativity scene by Frederic Fay Swift. The Glee Club is currently in the process of preparing for the festival and concert to be held in the spring.

The High School Girls' Glee Club is also preparing to take part in the spring concert activities. This group is building a varied repertoire of three part music, especially arranged for womens' voices.

Respectfully submitted,

DONALD F. MORRISON,

Supervisor of Vocal Music

REPORT OF THE DIRECTOR OF THE DIGHTON VOCATIONAL SCHOOL

Mr. Robert T. Roy
Superintendent of Schools

I herewith submit my sixth annual report as Director of the Dighton Vocational School.

COURSES OF STUDY

The State Division of Vocational Education has recognized the need for a universal course outline.

Many hours have been spent in compiling, printing, and supplying all schools in the state with this material.

We have these courses in Dighton for our two trades.

With our equipment and very limited space, we attempt to give the same instruction as in larger schools.

A new program has been offered this year by the Perfect Circle Corporation, manufacturers of engine parts.

Each senior in the automobile department participated in a course culminating in questions and answers relative to engine troubles and diagnosis. They completed the examination section of this course. It was corrected by the company, and I am happy to say, each boy received a "Doctor of Motors Certificate".

Their pictures will appear soon in a National Publication put out by Perfect Circle under the name of "The Magic Circle".

EVALUATION OF CURRICULUM

In evaluating our program, the following standards are maintained:

The courses are geared to the needs of industry.

The program meets trade standards.

Each project must have a commercial value.

We teach "must know" knowledge rather than "nice to know". The learning is done on a progression basis. (progress record charts).

The student is made responsible for the learning process. We apply the theory of individual differences.

PUBLIC RELATIONS

The publicity given our school is most gratifying.

Much credit is due the following people: Mrs. Ingalls, Mr. Briggs, and Mr. Calvey of the Taunton Daily Gazette, for their coverage of our school activities; Mr. Quill of Radio Station WPEP, for the pre-broadcast of our openhouse; Mr. Waldron of WJAR-TV, for the actual telecast of our openhouse in May.

Because of our excellent public relations, we have received many thanks from our community, and also commendations from the State Director of Vocational Education.

THE SCHOOL TRUCK

The shop truck is in use every school day.

It is used to get parts for cars that are in the shop for only one day. These cars use the spaces reserved for the Driver Education car and truck. Consequently, the work must be completed the same day.

Due to lack of any storage facilities for wood shop projects, articles must be delivered on completion.

To aid the High School in their various requests, we cooperate with the use of our truck.

The Commonwealth of Massachusetts paid for one half of this vehicle, and continues to pay for one half of all costs including gas, oil, and maintenance. They recognize the immediate need for this vehicle as a means of transportation to keep our production and projects at a high standard.

SURPLUS PROPERTY

This year, as in the past, Mr. Nolan of the office of Vocational Education-Division of Surplus Property, has been most generous to us.

Two large blower-type heaters were procured for our automobile shop, and they are efficiently solving our heating problem.

Masonite. steel, small tools, quantities of paper, and paper cutters are but a few of the articles obtained at a fraction of the original cost.

CONCLUSION

To the hundreds of people who visited our Open House in May, and to the parents of our students who have written letters of appreciation, I am grateful for their interest in Dighton Vocational School.

I would like to thank Mr. Roy for his active participation in our program, our School Committee for their support, and local agencies that assist us in preparing our students for profitable employment.

Respectfully submitted,

CHARLES F. DAY,
Director

DIGHTON VOCATIONAL SCHOOL ENROLLMENT STATISTICS

Class	Dighton	Berkley	Freetown	Rehoboth	Total
Freshmen	7	3	1	0	11
Sophomores	8	1	0	1	10
Juniors	4	6	3	0	13
Seniors	6	3	4	0	13
Totals	25	13	8	1	47

DIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL GRADUATION EXERCISES

Dighton High School Auditorium—June 12, 1958

PROGRAM

- OVERTURE—"Flamingo Overture" Herfurth
Orchestra
- *PROCESSIONAL—"Triumphal Processional March" Herfurth
- INVOCATION—
Rev. John J. Galvin, S.T.D.
Pastor, St. Peter's Church, Dighton
- WELCOME—
Janice Wojtkunski
President—Class of 1958
- VOCAL DUET—"In His Garden Fair" Eddington-Wilson
Elaine Perry and Betsey Burt
- HONOR ESSAY—"Educational Change: Crash or Rational" Elizabeth Collard
- SELECTION—"God Bless America" Irving Berlin
Class of 1958
- HONOR ESSAY—"Education: Its Purpose" Myrna Menges
- VOCAL DUET—"Morn-Rise" Gray-Czibulka
Joyce Gurney and Myrna Menges
- ADDRESS—"The Game of Life"
H. Russell Beatty, B.S., M.E., M.A.E.
Member A.S.M.E.
President, Wentworth Institute

PRESENTATIONS—James J. Dowd, Principal
AWARDS—

Rensselaer Polytechnic Alumni Award
Balfour Key
Commercial Award
John Charves Award
Bion L. Pierce Awards
Grossman Woodworking Award
Cpl. John Dutra Memorial Award
Arion Award

SCHOLARSHIPS—

Dighton High School Alumni
Berkley Student Council
East Freetown Women's Club
Freetown Lions Club
Dighton Mothers' Fireside Circle
Dighton High School Class of 1957
Dighton Teachers' Association
Dighton Parent Teachers' Association

†PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS—

Mr. Francis J. Torres
Chairman of Dighton School Committee

SELECTION—"You'll Never Walk Alone"

Rodgers-Hammerstein

Class of 1958

BENEDICTION—

Rev. Richardson Reid
Dighton Unitarian Church

RECESSIONAL MARCH—

Orchestra

Charles H. Lincoln, Supervisor of Music
Accompanists—Marilyn Hathaway, Virginia Pratt

*The audience is requested to remain seated during the Processional March.

†The audience is requested to refrain from applause until all diplomas have been distributed.

CLASS OF 1958

Paul Andre Joseph Alves	Diane Vivien Ladd
Anthony H. Andrews	Joan Elaine Machado
Douglas Leighton Arnold	Forrest Russell Martin
Rebecca Babbitt	Dennis C. McNeil
Roberta Babbitt	Andrew F. Miller
Donald Bacon	**Myrna Dale Menges
Sylvia Anne Barlow	Virginia Jean Morrill
Claire J. Berthiaume	Dorothy Alice Motta
Betsey May Burt	*Anita Louise Ouellette
David Wendell Carey	Josephine Agnes Paiva
*Edna Carpenter	*Elaine Margaret Perry
Gladys Juanita Carpenter	Kathleen Joanne Perry
Priscilla Ann Carpenter	Wayne M. Philbrook, Jr.
Viola Ethel Chase	*Olive Ellen Pontes
**Elizabeth Agnes Collard	Bette Louise Potter
Mary Elizabeth Cottrell	Gloria Jean Rose
Norma Lillian Cournoyer	Harold A. Rose
Robert L. Duarte	Robert Mathew Rose
*Patricia Jean Ellis	Roland J. Souza
Richard John Farrar	Robert W. Stanley
June Gloria Frechette	*John Edward Swanson
Carol Anne Goodwin	Carl Charles Sylvester
*Dennis Gordon	Jeannine Marie Sylvester
*Joyce Elizabeth Gurney	Janice Doreen Thibeault
Fred Ellsworth Hartford	Nancy Tibbetts
William F. Haskins, Jr.	*Judith Walker
Richard Frank Hermort	Sandra Lorraine Westgate
*Judith Ann Hodson	Harold Whitely III
Helen Louise Horton	**Janice Mary Wojtkunski
David Jack	Robert J. Wynne
Rita B. Jusseaume	

**First Honors—An average of A for four years.

*Second Honors—An average of B to A for four years.

Class Officers

Janice Wojtkunski	President
Richard Farrar	Vice-President
Joyce Gurney	Secretary
Gloria Rose	Treasurer

Class Motto

“Climb Tho’ The Rocks Be Rugged”

Class Advisor: Francis R. Vitale

Dighton School Committee

Francis J. Torres, Chairman

Mrs. Hawtrey Yeames, Secretary

Lawrence Mendoza

Wyman E. Hawkes

Frank Rogers

Harry Hagopian

Albert R. DeSilva, Financial Secretary

Robert T. Roy, Superintendent of Schools

GRADUATION EXERCISES
DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

June 4, 1958

PROGRAM

OVERTURE—"Medallion Overture" H. Johnson

PROCESSIONAL—"Marche Processionale" P. C. Herfurth

INVOCATION—

Rev. Frank Seymour
First Congregational Church, Dighton

GREETINGS—

Norman Andrews
Class President

SELECTION—"Your Land and My Land" Romberg

THEME—PEACE THROUGH EDUCATION

Hope of Tommorow	John Sloan
Peace and the Educated Man	Joyce Pavao
A Student Views the World	Robert Campbell

PRESENTATION OF AWARDS—

Mr. F. Edward Nicolas
Principal

PRESENTATION OF DIPLOMAS—

Mr. Frank Rogers
Dighton School Committee

SELECTION—"Send out Thy Light"

Gounod

BENEDICTION—

Rev. John J. Galvin
Pastor, St. Peter's Church, Dighton

RECESSIONAL—"Anchors Aweigh"

Miles, Zimmermann

Class Officers

President	Norman Andrews
Vice President	Lorraine Horton
Secretary	Ellen Buckley
Treasurer	Joyce Pavao

Mr. Robert T. Roy, Superintendent of Schools

Mr. F. Edward Nicolas, Principal

Miss Nellie May Pierce, Vocal Music Supervisor

Mr. Charles H. Lincoln, Instrumental Music Supervisor

Miss Annette Lussier, Graduation Chairman

GRADUATES

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|---------------------------|---------------------------|
| *Carolyn Louise Adams | Mollie Linda Hurwitz |
| *Norman Ronald Andrews | *Merrilyn Faye Ingalls |
| Thomas James Andrews | Charles Edward Lavigne |
| *Norman S. Arnold | *Charles McCracken |
| *Janet Marie Bilodeau | Nancy Elizabeth Manley |
| Leo Edward Bilodeau | Maureen Ann Medeiros |
| *Diane Marie Borges | *Patricia Mary Medeiros |
| Cheryl Judith Bradshaw | Thomas Augustus Mello |
| *Ellen Marie Buckley | Cynthia M. Nunes |
| *Robert Edward Campbell | William Preston O'Connell |
| Barbara Anne Carpenter | *Joyce Marie Pavao |
| *Hanford Winton Carr, Jr. | Dennis Ward Perry |
| Jacqueline Marie Carvalho | Richard Normand Perry |
| Elizabeth Cimino | Albert E. Pontes |
| *Barbara Jean Cobb | William Gilbert Raposa |
| Cusmedo Costa, Jr. | Elizabeth Ann Rebello |
| Norman Courcy | Roger T. Reed |
| Cheryl Anne Crompton | Brian Allen Reid |
| Olive Rose Dias | Jeanne Alice Rogers |
| *Helen Louise Donnelly | Joela Scoville |
| Albert Arthur Enos | Janet Elaine Silvia |
| Carol Anne Ferreira | Helen Marie Simas |
| Judith Ann Ferreira | Sandra Jean Simmons |
| Betti Jo Maxson Hambly | *John V. Sloan, 2nd |
| *Margaret Ann Heagney | Edith Ann Sousa |
| Gordon C. Hixon, Jr. | Judith Ann Sylvia |
| Lorraine Frances Horton | David Alan Tedford |

*Honors

ENROLLMENT OCTOBER 1, 1958

Dighton Schools

DIGHTON ELEMENTARY SCHOOL

	Grade	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	Total Bldg.
F. Edward Nicolas, Principal														
Teachers:														
Dorothy B. Bagley		27												27
Jessie H. Bradley		25												25
Doris M. Ferreira		23												23
Dorothy E. Borjeson			24											24
Olive W. Crawford			25											25
Margaret F. Harrington			24											24
Rose E. Borges				38										38
Helen M. Simmons				38										38
Lena W. Cowell					32									32
Anne M. Phillips					31									31
Ann T. Fitzsimmons						39								39
Helen C. Turner						40								40
Mary E. Gannon							38							38
Leo T. Wontkowski							38							38
Annette L. Gagliardi								32						32
Albert N. Genovese								31						31
Francis R. Lussier									32					32
Clare L. Hanrahan									30					30
Total Elementary School														567

DIGHTON HIGH SCHOOL	72	57	53	45	227
DIGHTON VOCATIONAL SCHOOL	11	13	13	14	51
	Total Enrollment in Dighton Schools				845
	Students Attending Private Schools				59

AGE—GRADE ENROLLMENT—OCTOBER 1, 1958

Grade	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	Totals
1	16	56	3												75
2		10	48	11	4										73
3			8	50	15	3									76
4				7	52	3	1								63
5					12	50	10	7							79
6						8	53	11	4						76
7							13	40	7	3					63
8								10	37	9	6				62
9									19	46	15	3			*83
10										17	41	10	2		*70
11											19	36	8	3	*66
12												13	41	5	*59
Totals	16	66	59	68	83	64	77	68	67	75	81	62	51	8	845

*Includes Tuition Students

DIGHTON SCHOOLS FACULTY — DECEMBER 31, 1958

Dighton High School

Name	Home Address	Education	App'd.
Principal Dr. Lawrence J. Fitzpatrick	6 Charlemont Road, Medford	Boston College, Staley College	1958
Vice-Principal Leo P. DeMarco, M.Ed.	403 Spring St., North Dighton	Fordham Univ., Boston Univ.	1946
Faculty Patrick F. Delaney, Jr., B.S. Richard L. Dias, M.Ed. Wilfred A. Hathaway Helena M. Kennedy, M.A. Arthur A. Lewis, M.A. Robert M. McGuirk, A.B. Louise W. Ring, B.A.	232 High St., Fall River Simpson Lane, Assonet Somerset Ave., Segreganset 175 Highland St., Taunton 47 Winthrop St., Taunton 15 Bedford St., North Dighton Elm St., Berkley	Providence College Arnold College of Science University of Mass. Simmons College, Boston University Brown University Providence College Boston University, College of Liberal Arts Prov. College, Bridgewater Teachers' College Suffolk University Colby College Boston University	1957 1952 1957 1953 1957 1956 1955 1950 1924 1957 1951
Walter R. Scanlon, M.Ed. Eleanor S. Smith, B.S. in Ed. William E. Sullivan, A.B. Francis R. Vitale, M.Ed.	19 Greylock Ave., Taunton Williams St., North Dighton 26 Briggs St., Taunton 365 Somerset Ave., Taunton		
Director Charles F. Day, B.S. in Ed. Paul W. Couture, M.Ed. Charles C. O'Connell	Walker St., North Dighton Simpson Lane, Assonet 320 Washington St., Taunton	Fitchburg Teachers' College Prov. College, Bridgewater Teachers' College Taunton High, Fitchburg Teachers' College	1943 1953 1944

Vocational School

Dighton High School (continued)

Name	Home Address	Education	App'd.
High School Office Secretary			
Thelma C. Spinney	29 Summer St., North Dighton		
Cafeteria Personnel			
Aldea G. Gagner, Head Cook	50 South St., Taunton		
Annie G. Davis, Assistant	Main St., Dighton		
Fannie C. Lima, Assistant	67 Brook St., Dighton		
Dighton Elementary School			
Principal			
F. Edward Nicolas, Ed. M.A.	Berkley St., Berkley	Suffolk University	1955
Faculty			
Dorothy B. Bagley	54 Coral St., Fall River	Perry Kindergarten Normal	1948
Dr. Rose E. Borges	6 Pleasant St., Dighton	Bridgewater Teachers' College, Calvin Coolidge College	1927 1958
Dorothy E. Borjeson, B.S. in Ed.	67 Orchard St., Raynham	Bridgewater Teachers' College	
Jessie H. Bradley, B.A.	Berkley St., Berkley	Wellesley College,	
Lena W. Cowell, B.S. M.Ed.	198 Bourn Ave., Somerset	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1954
Olive W. Crawford, B.S. M.Ed.	411 Prospect St., Fall River	Calvin Coolidge College	1921
Doris M. Ferreira	490 Woodman St., Fall River	Calvin Coolidge College	1947
Ann T. Fitzsimmons, B.S. in Ed.	108 Broadway, Taunton	Perry Normal	1949
Annette Gagliardi, B.A.	24 Chavenson St., Fall River	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1957
Mary E. Gannon, B.A.	3235 Riverside Ave., Somerset	Rivier College	1956
Albert N. Genovese, M.S.Ed.	243 High St., Taunton	University of Mass.	1957
Clare L. Hanrahan, B.A.	44 West Britannia St., Taunton	University of Bridgeport	1953
Margaret F. Harrington	233 Whipple St., Fall River	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1958
		Framingham Teachers' College	1946

Dighton Elementary School (continued)

Name	Home Address	Education	App'd.
Francis R. Lussier, A.B.	118 Shawomet Ave., Somerset	Providence College	1955
Anne M. Phillips	59 Freedom St., Fall River	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1948
Helen M. Simmons, B.S. in Ed.	4 Avon St., Somerset	Bridgewater Teachers' College	1922
Helen C. Turner	117 School St., North Dighton	Framingham Normal School	1946
Leo T. Wontkowski, B.A., M.A.	356 Robinson Ave., So. Attleboro	Providence College, Bridgewater Teachers' College	1956
Music Supervisors			
Vocal			
Donald F. Morrison, B.M.	64 Pratt St., Mansfield	Boston University	1958
Instrumental			
Charles H. Lincoln, B.M.	25 Monica St., Taunton	Boston University	1957
Elementary School Secretary			
Hannah E. Lassen	17 Pleasant St., Dighton		
Cafeteria Personnel			
Alfrena Bettencourt, Head Cook	211 School St., North Dighton		
Grace E. French, Assistant	Lincoln Avenue, North Dighton		
Louise G. Gomes, Assistant	Hart St., Dighton		
Bertha R. Stafford, Assistant	Somerset Ave., Segreganset		
Part Time Instructors			
Jeannette Shaw, B.S. in Ed.	16 Baylies St., North Dighton	Bridgewater Teachers' College	
Adele L. Cernak	Myricks St., Berkley	Albion College	
Alberta C. Hamilton, B.S., M.S.	Pleasant St., Dighton	University of Mass.	
Helen Lamb	666 Pearse Road, Swansea		

Custodians

Name	Home Address	School	Appl'd.
Howell S. Carr	Elm St., Dighton	Dighton High School	1942
Charles R. Leonard	Center St., No. Dighton	Dighton High School	1952
Antone Costa	Elm St., Dighton	Dighton Elementary	1956
Alvin Silvia	School Lane, Dighton	Dighton Elementary	1957

Personnel Changes

Teacher	Position	Date of Resignation	Reason
James J. Dowd	Principal, Dighton High	July 25, 1958	Principal at Sharon High School
Kenneth P. Sanford	Elementary Grades 7 & 8	June 13, 1958	Teaching in Norwalk, Conn.
Jacqueline C. Booth	Elementary Grade 2	May 23, 1958	Moved to Maryland
Nellie May Pierce	Music Supervisor	June, 1958	Teaching in Fall River

DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE REPORT

At the Special Town Meetings held on June 8, 1958 in the Town of Dighton and June 23, 1958 in the Town of Rehoboth it was voted that the two towns would enter into an Agreement to form a Regional School District for the purpose of constructing and operating a four year Regional High School.

As required under Section 13 of the Agreement, the Moderator of each town made the following appointments of Members to serve on the Regional Committee until the annual elections of 1959:

Dighton

Mr. Stuart Arnold

Mr. Robert Bradshaw

Mr. Albert DeSilva

Member of the Dighton School Committee

Rehoboth

Mr. Myles Alper

Mr. Gardner Borden

Member of the Rehoboth School Committee

Mr. Frederick Tschirch

These men were duly sworn as members of the Dighton-Rehoboth Regional District Committee by the Town Clerks of their respective towns.

The organization meeting was held on July 8, 1958 at Dighton High School. Mr. Stuart Arnold was elected Chairman of the Regional District Committee and Mr. Gardner Borden was elected Secretary. It was voted that the Annual Meeting should be held on the second Tuesday of April at 8:00 P.M. at either Dighton High School or Palmer River School. It was also voted that regular monthly meetings would be held on the second Tuesday of the month and special meetings as needed.

The committee has held sixteen regular and special meetings through December 1958. In addition to these

meetings the Committee has visited several new school plants as well as taking two trips to Boston to meet with the School Building Assistance Commission and the Emergency Finance Board.

It was voted to have the Second Bank-State Street Trust Company service our bond issue. Mr. Richard Guinan would represent the bank and he was authorized to employ a municipal bond counsel to aid in establishing a credit rating for the Region.

Mr. Joseph A. Carpenter, Jr. was asked to submit drawings for a Corporate Seal which is necessary on all legal papers concerning the Region.

The problem of selecting an architect took quite some time. Several good architects were interviewed and some of their recent buildings were visited. It was voted to retain the services of Howe, Prout and Ekman of Providence to draw up plans for the new school.

During the period an architect was being selected proposed educational programs and a schedule of spaces were being worked out by the Superintendents. These schedules were approved by the Committee and presented to the architect for his use in preparing preliminary plans. Copies were also sent to the School Building Assistance Commission for their approval.

Mr. Frederick Tschirch of Rehoboth was elected temporary treasurer of the Regional Committee. A sum of \$500. was approved by the local Finance Committees as an operating budget for the remainder of the 1958 year.

On November 4, 1958 the Regional Committee received word from Mr. Guinan that all legal matters were in order. The Committee voted at that meeting to issue bonds for \$100,000. for the purpose of paying a portion of the cost of securing land and constructing and equipping a school building. The Selectmen of each Town were notified of the action and town meetings were held on December 3, 1958 for the purpose of approving or disapproving the bond issue.

Approval was voted by each of the Towns at these meetings.

On December 16, 1958 the members of the Committees and the superintendents met with the Emergency Finance Board at the State House to explain the purpose of the Bond Issue. Later that day the same group met with the School Building Assistance Commission and received final approval of the educational program and the schedule of spaces.

Mr. Otis Dyer, land surveyor has been engaged to survey the proposed site. He will prepare a topographical map as well as searching the titles of the land owners.

At the last meeting of 1958 held on December 30, 1958, the Committee received approval of the bond issue from the Emergency Finance Board.

To date the architect has presented three sets of preliminary plans for the Committee to work on. It is hoped that a set of plans may be produced shortly that will meet all the needs of the Committee and still be an economical plan.

The Committee has a great deal of work to do and it is hoped that by spring working drawings will be prepared and that bids may be asked for. The Committee intends to keep the public aware of their work and reports will be issued from time to time of their progress.

Respectfully submitted,

DIGHTON-REHOBOTH REGIONAL SCHOOL COMMITTEE

Stuart Arnold, Chairman
Dighton

Robert Bradshaw
Dighton

Gardner Borden, Secretary
Rehoboth

Albert DeSilva
Dighton

Frederick Tschirch, Treasurer
Rehoboth

Myles Alper
Rehoboth

Hamilton Bailey

Robert T. Roy
Superintendents of Schools

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